

No. 411

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 24, 1931 (P. L. 1206), entitled "An act concerning townships of the first class; amending, revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating thereto," increasing the per diem payments and traveling allowance of delegates to conventions of county associations of township officers.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

The First Class
Township Code.

Section 1. Section 611, act of June 24, 1931 (P. L. 1206), known as "The First Class Township Code," reenacted and amended May 27, 1949 (P. L. 1955), is amended to read:

Section 611, act of June 24, 1931, P. L. 1206, reenacted and amended May 27, 1949, P. L. 1955, further amended.

Section 611. Membership of Associations; Expenses of Members.—The township commissioners and other officers of the township designated by the township commissioners shall attend such conventions whenever possible. Each township officer attending such convention shall receive a certificate, signed by the presiding officer and acting secretary of the convention, attesting his presence at the convention. Such certificate shall entitle him to collect from the township treasurer the sum of [three] *six* dollars per day for each day's attendance and mileage at the rate of [five] *ten* cents per mile traveled, to be computed by the route usually traveled from his place of residence to the place where the convention is held. No township officer shall be paid for more than two days' attendance in any one year. The expenses of holding any such convention shall be paid pro rata by the townships joining therein.

APPROVED—The 29th day of September, A. D. 1959.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 412

AN ACT

To amend the act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), entitled "An act relating to the public school system, including certain provisions applicable as well to private and parochial schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," by further regulating sabbatical leaves for employes of school districts.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Public School
Code of 1949.

Section 1. Section 1168 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," as amended July 27, 1953 (P. L. 629), is amended to read:

Section 1168, act of March 10, 1949, P. L. 30, as amended July 27, 1953, P. L. 629, further amended.

Section 1168. Return to Employment.—No leave of absence shall be granted unless such person shall agree to return to his or her employment with the school district for a period of not less than one school term [after] *immediately following* such leave of absence.

No such leave of absence shall be considered a termination or breach of the contract of employment, and the person on leave of absence shall be returned to the same position in the same school or schools he or she occupied prior thereto.

Upon expiration of a sabbatical leave, by consent of the school board, the requirement that the person on leave of absence shall return to the service of the school district or to the same position in the same school or schools that he or she occupied prior thereto, may be waived. If the school board has not waived the obligation to return to school service upon expiration of the sabbatical leave and the employe fails to do so, unless prevented by illness or physical disability, the employe shall forfeit all benefits to which said employe would have been entitled under the provisions of this act for the period of the sabbatical leave.

*If such employe resigns or fails to return to his employment, unless the requirement to return to service is waived by the board of school directors, the amount contributed by the school district under section 1170 of this act to the *Public School Employes' Retirement Fund shall be deducted from the refund payable to such employe under existing law and the amount so deducted shall be refunded to the school district by which it was paid.*

Section 1169,
act of March 10,
1949, P. L. 30,
last amended
June 6, 1957,
P. L. 276,
further amended.

Section 2. Section 1169 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," as last amended June 6, 1957 (P. L. 276), is amended to read:

Section 1169. Salary While on Leave.—The person on leave of absence shall receive one-half of his or her regular salary but not more than three thousand dollars (\$3000), if the employe's absence on sabbatical leave is for a full school term and not more than one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1500), if the employe's absence on sabbatical leave is for a half school term, as defined in this act. [A school district may, but shall not be required to, pay a teacher on leave, during the period of leave, any salary over and above the amount received by the teacher as a grant for a fellowship or from a foundation, and in such instance, a school district shall not pay a teacher more than the amount otherwise prescribed by this section for payment to persons on leave of absence.]

* "Public" omitted in original.

Section 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 1959. Effective date.

APPROVED—The 29th day of September, A. D. 1959.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 413

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 24, 1937 (P. L. 2017), entitled "An act creating in each county (except of first class) as a separate corporation, and in each city of the first and second class as a part of the city government, an institution district for the care and maintenance of certain indigent persons and children; prescribing the powers and duties of county commissioners, county treasurers, city departments of public welfare, the State Department of Welfare and the State Department of Public Assistance in respect thereto; abolishing certain poor districts and terminating the terms of directors, overseers, guardians and managers of the poor and poor district auditors, and providing for the temporary employment of certain of them; providing for the transfer, vesting, sale and disposition of the property of poor districts and the payment of their obligations; imposing certain existing obligations on institution districts and on the Commonwealth; regulating the affairs of poor districts until abolished; revising, amending, changing and consolidating the law relating to the care of the poor; and repealing existing laws," increasing the powers and duties of institution districts.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

County Institution District Law.

Section *1. Section 401, **act of June 24, 1937 (P. L. 2017), known as the "County Institution District Law," *** is amended by adding, at the end thereof, a new clause to read:

Section 401, act of June 24, 1937, P. L. 2017, amended by adding a new clause (g).

Section 401. Powers and Duties as to Care of Dependents and Children.—The local authorities shall have the power, and it shall be their duty with funds of the institution district or of the city, according to rules, regulations, and standards established by the State Department of *Public Welfare*—

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(g) *To contract with any individual, association, corporation, institution or governmental agency, for the purpose of providing foster home care for adults who are in institutions and under the care and supervision of the institution district if, in the discretion of the insti-*

* "2" in original.
 ** "act" omitted in original.
 *** "act" in original.