

semi-annually where the districts lease agreement specifies that lease payments shall be paid semi-annually.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 22nd day of December, A. D. 1959.

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No. 727

AN ACT

Amending 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," providing for payments on account of pupil transportation to certain additional school districts.

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

Public School Code of 1949.

Section 1. Section 2541, act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," amended February 17, 1956 (P. L. 1066), June 21, 1957 (P. L. 385) and July 13, 1957 (P. L. 864), is amended to read:

Section 2541, act of March 10, 1949, P. L. 30, amended February 17, 1956, P. L. 1066, June 21, 1957, P. L. 385 and July 13, 1957, P. L. 864, further amended.

Section 2541. Payments on Account of Pupil Transportation.—School districts shall be paid by the Commonwealth for every school year on account of pupil transportation which, and the means and contracts providing for which, have been approved by the Department of Public Instruction, in the cases hereinafter enumerated, an amount to be determined by multiplying the cost of approved reimbursable pupil transportation incurred by the district by the [district] *district's* subsidiary account reimbursement fraction. In addition thereto, the Commonwealth shall pay to school districts which own their own vehicles, an annual depreciation charge of ten per centum (10%), to be calculated on the basis of the approved cost at which the district acquired the vehicle for which depreciation is claimed. With respect to vehicles purchased prior to January 1, 1956, the number of depreciation payments shall be limited to ten such payments. With respect to vehicles purchased on or after January 1, 1956, the annual depreciation charge shall not exceed seven hundred dollars

* "Comonwealth" in original.

(\$700) for such vehicles. The number of annual depreciation charges shall be limited, so that the total amount of such payments shall not exceed the cost of the vehicle as approved by the Department of Public Instruction at the time of the purchase. In no case shall the Commonwealth pay, in depreciation charges, more than ten thousand five hundred dollars (\$10,500) for any one vehicle.

Such payments for pupil transportation shall be made in the following cases:

(1) To school districts of the fourth class and districts of the third class which are located wholly within the boundary lines of a township, or within the boundary lines of a borough which has a population of less than five hundred (500) inhabitants to the square mile, to districts of the third class operating schools jointly with districts of the fourth class or with other districts of the third class entitled to payment on account of transportation [, and] to merged or union school districts in which one or more [such] *of the component* districts [are a component] *were heretofore eligible for reimbursement on account of transportation and to school districts which were eligible heretofore for reimbursement on account of transportation,* for the transportation of elementary school pupils residing within any part of the district last served by any elementary school closed since the first Monday of July, one thousand nine hundred seven, or within a district all of whose schools have been closed, or who are assigned to a training school of a State teachers' college, and in each case who reside one and one-half (1½) miles or more from the school to which they are assigned.

(2) To school districts of the fourth class and districts of the third class which are located wholly within the boundary lines of a township, or within the boundary lines of a borough which has a *population of less than five hundred (500) inhabitants to the square mile, [and] to merged or union school districts in which one or more [such] *of the component* districts [are a component] *were heretofore eligible for reimbursement on account of transportation and to school districts which were eligible heretofore for reimbursement on account of transportation,* for the transportation of any child living more than two (2) miles by the nearest public highway from the nearest school in session, and to districts of the third

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class operating schools jointly with districts of the fourth class or with other districts of the third class entitled to payment on account of transportation for the transportation of any child living more than two (2) miles by the nearest public highway from the nearest jointly operated school in session offering the proper grades *including pupils who are attending area technical schools.*

(3) To all school districts, for the transportation of physically or mentally handicapped children regularly enrolled in special classes approved by the Department of Public Instruction or enrolled in a regular class in which approved educational provisions are made for them.

(4) To all *third and fourth class* school districts, for pupils transported to and from approved consolidated schools or approved joint consolidated schools or approved vocational district schools *living one and one-half miles or more from the school of attendance,*

Consolidated schools or joint consolidated schools or vocational district schools shall so long as they are approved by the State Council of Education as to organization, control, location, equipment, courses of study, qualifications of teachers, methods of instruction, condition of admission, expenditures of money, methods and means of transportation and the contracts providing therefor, constitute approved consolidated schools or approved joint consolidated schools or approved vocational district schools.

(5) To all school districts, for pupils transported to and from schools used for the purpose of better gradation and approved by the county superintendent of schools.

(6) To all school districts for pupils transported to and from area technical schools.

(7) To all school districts, for the transportation of nonresident children who are placed in the home of a resident, or who are inmates of an orphan asylum or home or a children's home or other institution for the care and training of orphans or other children, and who attend the public schools, and who live two miles or more from the nearest school with the proper grades.

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