

Section 1. The second paragraph of section 2509, act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," amended November 16, 1959 (P. L. 1506), is amended to read:

Second paragraph, section 2509, act of March 10, 1949, P. L. 30, amended November 16, 1959, P. L. 1506, further amended.

Section 2509. Payments on Account of Courses for Handicapped Children.—\* \* \*

To find the "instruction cost per special class pupil," add (1) salaries of directors and supervisors of special education, public school psychologists, principals of special schools and assistants, teachers of approved special classes for physically and mentally handicapped children, clerks and assistants employed in the district's program for special education, (2) the district's contribution to the retirement fund on behalf of directors and supervisors of special education, public school psychologists, principals of special schools and assistants, teachers of approved special classes for physically and mentally handicapped children, clerks and assistants employed in the district's program for special education, (3) the cost of textbooks and supplies of the second class used in the district's special education classes or schools, (4) *the cost of telephonic system equipment which enables handicapped children to remain in their homes and still participate in classroom activities.* Divide the sum of (1), (2), [and] (3) and (4) on that part thereof which is approved by the Department of Public Instruction for reimbursement by the total number of pupils, *including those pupils who have available for use telephonic system equipment whereby they may remain at home and still \*participate in classroom activities,* in average daily membership in the district's approved special classes for physically and mentally handicapped children. The quotient \*\*so obtained shall be the "instruction cost per special class pupil."

APPROVED—The 12th day of September, A. D. 1961.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 548

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 that area technical schools for vocational education may be established and operated by certain boards of directors

\* "partitcipate" in original.  
 \*\* "so" not in original.

of second or third class school districts, individually or jointly, with county boards of school directors; and providing an alternative method for establishing area technical schools.

Public School  
Code of 1949.

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

Section 1844,  
act of March 10,  
1949, P. L. 30,  
added August 21,  
1953, P. L. 1223,  
amended.

Section 1. Section 1844, act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," added August 21, 1953 (P. L. 1223), is amended to read:

Section 1844. Establishment of Schools.—(a) The County Board of School Directors of each county shall call a convention of school directors of the school districts of each attendance area, to meet separately by attendance areas, on or before the first day of April, one thousand nine hundred fifty-four, to discuss and vote on the establishment of area technical schools. If approved by a majority of all the school directors of the districts within an attendance area, the county board of school directors shall proceed to organize, establish and operate an area technical school in the attendance area on or subsequent to the first day of June, one thousand nine hundred fifty-five. School districts voting against participating in the area technical school shall again vote on the question at least once during each two years thereafter.

(b) *In addition to the method of establishing area technical schools as provided in subsection (a) above, the county board of school directors may, at any meeting, call for an election by the school directors of the districts within an attendance area to determine if an area technical school shall be established. The county board of school directors shall notify, by certified mail, each school district within an attendance area of its action. At the next regular meeting of each school board within an attendance area or at a special meeting called prior thereto, an election shall be held to determine if an area technical school shall be established. The results of this election and the number of votes cast each way shall be certified to the county board of school directors within sixty (60) days of the receipt of the notice to hold the election. A canvass of the votes shall be taken and, if a majority of the school directors of the districts within an attendance area vote in the affirmative, the county board of school directors shall proceed to organize, establish and operate an area technical school in the attendance area.*

(c) *In cases where a second or third class school district maintains an approved vocational program, individually or jointly, such district or districts, individually or jointly, may enter into an agreement with a county board or boards of school directors to organize and*

*operate an area technical school in accordance with a plan approved by the State Board for Vocational Education, in which event, the county board or boards of school directors shall not be required to call a convention of school directors as herein provided.*

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 12th day of September, A. D. 1961.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

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No. 549

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," changing eligibility for State scholarships.

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

Public School  
Code of 1949.

Section 1. Section 1612, act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," amended May 24, 1956 (P. L. 1669), is amended to read:

Section 1612,  
act of March 10,  
1949, P. L. 30,  
amended May 24,  
1956, P. L. 1669,  
further amended.

Section 1612. State Scholarships for Pupils of Secondary Schools.—For the purpose of assisting worthy young men and women graduates of secondary schools [of the State] to obtain higher education, the State will award competitive scholarships of the value of two hundred dollars (\$200) per year for four years to enable selected students to attend any institution in the State of Pennsylvania approved by the State Council of Education.

Appointments to such scholarships shall be made by the State Council of Education. *Pennsylvania residents who have graduated from out-of-state high schools shall be eligible for State scholarships.* The persons entitled to such appointments shall be determined by competitive examinations to be conducted under the supervision of the State Council of Education. Due notice of any examinations to be held under the provisions of this section shall be given in such manner as the State Council of Education may prescribe.

One scholarship shall be awarded to each county. In any county where there is more than one entire senatorial