

No. 557

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 the establishment and operation of area technical schools, departments or classes by the Department of Public Instruction in certain cases.

Public School
Code of 1949.

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

Act of March
10, 1949, P. L.
30, amended by
adding a new
section 1851.

Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," is amended by adding, after section 1850, a new section to read:

Section 1851. Establishment and Operation by the Department of Public Instruction.—Where, in the judgment of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the provisions of this act relating to the proper vocational education and training of children and adults have not been complied with or the vocational education needs of children and adults are not being adequately served, the Department of Public Instruction is hereby authorized to provide, including the payment of rental when necessary, establish, maintain, administer, supervise and operate vocational technical, vocational industrial, vocational agricultural, vocational homemaking, vocational distributive, occupational, post high school vocational and technical education or less than college level, schools, departments or classes for the proper vocational education and training of children and adults. Eligibility for enrollment in such classes shall be determined according to standards and regulations promulgated by the State Board for Vocational Education.

Act effective
immediately.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 558

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 educational broadcasting and authorizing agreements relating thereto.

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

Public School
Code of 1949.

Section 1. Section 523, act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," added August 21, 1953 (P. L. 1336), is amended to read:

Section 523, act
of March 10,
1949, P. L. 30,
added August 21,
1953, P. L.
1336, amended.

Section 523. Education [Television] *Broadcasting*.—

(a) *The State Council of Education shall formulate and amend, when necessary, a State Plan for Educational Broadcasting. The State plan shall provide for the development of educational broadcasting facilities in the Commonwealth and shall define educational broadcasting service areas which shall be served by specified broadcasting centers. The Department of Public Instruction shall promulgate regulations to implement the State plan.*

(b) *The board of school directors of any school district may enter into an agreement or agreements with one or more school districts and/or county boards of school directors and/or with other educational institutions or agencies and/or with non-profit organizations for the joint operation of an educational television and/or radio station [, at no expense to the Commonwealth (b)].*

(c) *The board of school directors of any school district and any county board of school directors may enter into [a contract with commercial telecasters or with non-profit organizations, or both, for television broadcasts, at no expense to the Commonwealth] an agreement or agreements with one or more school districts and/or county boards of school directors and/or other educational institutions or agencies and/or non-profit or commercial organizations for broadcasting.*

(d) *The Department of Public Instruction may enter into agreements with educational or commercial radio and/or television networks or stations, non-profit organizations radio and/or television production centers, or any county board of school directors, school district or districts for the purpose of educational broadcasting.*

(e) *The Department of Public Instruction and boards of school directors of any school district or county board of school directors, or both, may contract for educational broadcasts for children or adults, using State funds or State-administered Federal funds appropriated for that purpose, or private grants or gifts.*

(f) *In accordance with the State plan for educational broadcasting, the Department of Public Instruction may establish and/or operate a broadcasting station and/or purchase, produce and/or contract to purchase or pro-*

duce tapes, films and/or recordings for educational broadcasting.

Act amended by
adding a new
section 525.

Section 2. The act is amended by adding, after section 524, a new section to read:

*Section *525. Establishment and Operation of Educational Television and Broadcasting Facilities.—Whenever funds become available from any source whatever for the purpose of (1) establishing and where necessary operating such pilot educational television projects as may be requested by the State Council of Education, (2) purchasing, producing and contracting for the purchase or production of tapes, films and recordings for educational broadcasting, (3) making special grants to school districts, county boards of school directors and State colleges for educational broadcasting services procured by them where it is determined by the Department of Public Instruction that the awarding of such special grants will materially encourage the use of educational television facilities, (4) establishing educational television facilities in accordance with the State plan for educational broadcasting, and (5) establishing network facilities to link educational broadcasting facilities as may be required by the State plan for educational broadcasting or any of these purposes. The Department of Public Instruction may expend such funds for such purpose or purposes in amounts to be determined by the Department of Public Instruction in accordance with policies approved by the State Council of Education. This section shall not be construed to authorize the expenditure of any State funds for such purposes unless specifically appropriated by the General Assembly.*

Act effective
immediately.

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 559

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," further regulating the establishment and operation of audio-visual libraries and instructional materials centers.

Public School
Code of 1949.

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

* "524" in original.