

No. 57

AN ACT

HB 1614

Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14) 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," requiring annual reports to the General Assembly on the intermediate unit system.

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

Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," is amended by adding a section to read:

Section 924-A. Annual Reports.—(a) On or before January 1, 1975, and annually thereafter by the first of January, the Secretary of Education shall submit to the members of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania a report on the operation of the intermediate units for the purpose of enabling said members to evaluate the system inaugurated on July 1, 1971 in accordance with their constitutional obligation to maintain and support a thorough and efficient system of public education.

(b) In addition to written text, this report may include such graphic or statistical data as the Secretary of Education considers of use for a legislative evaluation of the report.

(c) In order that this report will provide an effective comparison with the prior system of county superintendents, the initial report shall contain the following information:

(1) A brief description of the specific services provided by each unit.

(2) A brief description of the services formerly supplied through the county superintendents of the districts which now comprise the intermediate unit.

(3) A comparison of the number and types of persons employed, full-time and part-time, by each intermediate unit with those formerly employed through the county superintendents of the districts which now comprise the intermediate unit.

(4) A comparison of the total costs and the per pupil costs of (i) capital outlay, (ii) equipment, (iii) overhead, and (iv) salaries for each intermediate unit with those formerly borne through the county superintendents of the districts which now comprise the intermediate unit.

(5) An analysis of the sources of revenue maintaining each intermediate unit, i.e., the amount derived from (i) local taxes, (ii) State reimbursement, (iii) private contracts for services, and (iv) Federal funds.

(d) The same information shall be provided in subsequent annual reports except that comparisons shall be drawn with the preceding report of intermediate unit activity rather than with the system of county superintendents. The obligation to submit this report shall cease after June 30, 1980, unless specifically reenacted by the General Assembly.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 4th day of April, A. D. 1974.

MILTON J. SHAPP

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 57.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "C. McLaughlin Tucker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "C".

Secretary of the Commonwealth.