

## No. 250.

## AN ACT

To amend sections one to eleven, inclusive, and to repeal section twelve of an act, approved the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen (Pamphlet Laws, one hundred and thirty-eight), entitled "An act defining vocational education; providing for the establishment and regulation of vocational schools; and providing for State aid in the maintenance thereof, and for the payment of tuition by certain school districts, and reimbursement thereof by the State," by making changes in the manner of disbursement of State and Federal funds for the furtherance of vocational education.

## Vocational schools.

Section 1 of act of May 1, 1913, (P. L. 138), amended.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section one of an act, approved the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen (Pamphlet Laws, one hundred and thirty-eight), entitled "An act defining vocational education; providing for the establishment and regulation of vocational schools; and providing for State aid in the maintenance thereof; and for the payment of tuition by certain school districts, and reimbursement thereof by the State," be hereby amended to read as follows:

## Definitions.

Section 1. That the following words and phrases as used in this act shall, unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context, have the following meaning:

["Vocational education" shall mean any education, the controlling purpose of which is to fit for profitable employment.]

## "Vocational education."

"Vocational education" shall mean any form of education of less than college grade, given in school or elsewhere, the purpose of which is to fit an individual to pursue effectively a recognized profitable employment, whether pursued for wages or otherwise.

["Industrial education" shall mean that form of vocational education which fits for the trades, crafts, and manufacturing pursuits, including occupations of girls and women, carried on in workshops.]

## "Vocational industrial education."

"Vocational industrial education" shall mean those forms of vocational education that fit for industrial pursuits. It includes occupational training for women and girls other than training for the vocation of home-making.

## "Vocational agricultural education."

"Vocational agricultural education" shall mean that form of vocational education which fits for the occupations connected with the tillage of the soil, the care of domestic animals, forestry, and other wage-earning or productive work on the farm.

## "Vocational commercial education."

"Vocational commercial education" includes those forms of vocational education the direct purpose of each of which is to fit for some recognized commercial calling.

["Household arts education" shall mean that form of vocational education which fits for occupations connected with the household.]

"Vocational home economics education" shall mean that form of vocational education which has for its controlling purpose the preparation of girls and women for useful employment as house daughters and home-makers engaged in the occupations and the management of the home.

"Vocational home economics education."

"Vocational industrial, vocational agricultural, or [household arts] vocational home economics school or department," or "vocational school or department," shall mean a distinctive organization of courses, pupils, and teachers approved by the State [Board Council of Education, designed to give either vocational industrial, vocational agricultural, or [household arts] vocational home economics education, as herein defined.

School or department.

"Vocational evening class" [in an industrial agricultural school or department] shall mean a class giving such training as can be taken by persons already employed during the working-day, and which [in order to be called vocational] must in its instruction deal with the subject-matter of, and be so carried on as to relate to, the day employment.

"Vocational evening class."

"Vocational evening class" in [a household arts] vocational home economics [school or department] shall mean a class giving training in home-making to girls or women, over fourteen years of age, however they may be employed or engaged during the day.

"Vocational evening class" in vocational home economics.

["Part-time or continuation class," in an approved agricultural or household arts school or department, shall mean a vocational class for persons giving a part of their working-time to profitable employment, and receiving in the part-time school or department instruction complementary to the practical work carried on in such employment. To give "a part of their working-time" such persons must give part of each day, week, or longer period to such part-time class during the period in which it is in session.]

"General continuation school or class," as used in this act, refers to that group of employed minors between fourteen and sixteen years of age who are required under the provisions of the Child Labor Act to attend school for eight hours each week.

"General continuation school or class."

[Household arts] "Vocational home economics school or department" shall mean a vocational school or department designed to develop, on a vocational basis, the capacity for [household work, such as cooking, household service, and other occupations in the household] useful employment as house daughters and home-makers in the occupations and the management of the home.

"Vocational home economics school or department."

"Part-time co-operative vocational education."

"Part-time co-operative vocational education" refers to that form of vocational instruction that involves alternate attendance upon school and work at the vocation, given in accordance with an agreement by which the school and industry co-operate and co-ordinate in making available the combined educational and training facilities of both.

"Practical."

"Practical." The term "practical," as used in the act to which this is an amendment, refers to the manipulative or "practice-of-the-trade" aspects of a vocation. It includes such work given in shops, laboratories, mines, drafting rooms, and other places, and is used to distinguish such work from "academic" or "non-vocational" education.

Section 2 amended.

Section 2. That section two of said act be hereby amended to read as follows:

State Council of Education to investigate and to aid.

Section 2. The State [Board] Council of Education is hereby authorized and directed to investigate and to aid in the introduction of vocational industrial, vocational agricultural and [household arts] vocational home economics education; to assist in the establishment of schools and departments for the aforesaid forms of education, and to inspect and approve such schools or departments, as are hereinafter provided. The State [Board] Council of Education shall make a report annually to the Governor and Legislature describing the condition and progress of vocational industrial, vocational agricultural, and [household arts] vocational home economics education during the year, and [making] shall also make such recommendations as the [Board] Council may deem advisable.

Annual report.

Executive officer for administration of this act.

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction shall be the executive officer of the State [Board] Council of Education for the administration of this act. He shall appoint, from time to time, with the approval of the State [Board] Council of Education, such expert assistants, other than those already provided for by law, as may be necessary in vocational industrial, [household arts] vocational home economics, [or] vocational agricultural, or vocational commercial education, and all clerical and other agents necessary in carrying out the provisions of this act.

Section 3 amended.

Section 3. That section three of said act be hereby amended to read as follows:

Classes.

Section 3. In order that instruction in the principles and the practice of arts may go on together, vocational industrial, vocational agricultural, and [household arts] vocational home economics schools or departments may offer instruction in day, part-time, and evening classes. Attendance upon such day, evening, or part-time classes shall be restricted to those over fourteen years of age.

Age limit.

Section 4. That section four of said act be hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 4 amended.

Section 4. Any school district may, through its board of school directors, establish and maintain *vocational industrial, vocational agricultural, [household arts] vocational home economics, and vocational commercial* schools or departments.

Any school district may establish such schools or departments.

Section 5. That section five of said act be hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 5 amended.

Section 5. Two or more districts may, as provided in article eighteen, sections one thousand eight hundred and one to one thousand eight hundred and eight, inclusive, of the school laws of Pennsylvania of one thousand nine hundred eleven, entitled "An act to establish a public school system in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, together with the provisions by which it shall be administered, and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof; providing revenue to establish and maintain the same, and the method of collecting such revenue; and repealing all laws, general, special or local, or any parts thereof, that are or may be inconsistent therewith," through a joint school committee, establish and maintain *vocational industrial, vocational agricultural, [or household arts] vocational home economics, or vocational commercial* schools or departments, to be known as joint vocational schools or departments.

Joint vocational schools or departments.

Section 6. That section six of said act be hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 6 amended.

Section 6. Local school boards and joint school committees administering approved *vocational industrial, vocational agricultural, [or household arts] vocational home economics, or vocational commercial* schools or departments, may, under a plan to be approved by the State [Board] *Council of Education*, appoint an advisory committee composed of members representing local trades, industries, and occupations. It shall be the duty of such a committee to counsel with and advise the local or joint board of trustees, and other school officials, having the management and supervision of such schools.

Advisory committee.

Section 7. That section seven of said act be hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 7 amended.

Section 7. Any resident of any school district in Pennsylvania which does not maintain an approved *vocational industrial, vocational agricultural, [or household arts] vocational home economics, or vocational commercial education* school or department, offering the type of training which he desires, may make application to the school board of any other district for admission to such school or department maintained by said board. In case said board refuses him admission, he may apply to the State [Board] *Council of*

Non-resident pupils.

Application for admission.

Education for admission to such school or department. The State [Board] *Council* of Education—decision of which shall be final—may approve or disapprove such application. In making such decision the State [Board] *Council* of Education shall take into consideration the opportunities for free vocational training in the community in which the applicant resides, the financial status of the community, the age, sex, preparation, aptitude, and previous record of the applicant, and all other relevant circumstances.

Tuition fee.

The school district in which the person resides, who has been admitted, as above provided, to an approved *vocational industrial, vocational agricultural, [or household arts] vocational home economics, or vocational commercial* school or department maintained by another school district, shall pay a tuition fee, to be determined after the same manner provided for the high schools in article seventeen, section one thousand seven hundred and eleven, of the school laws of Pennsylvania, for one thousand nine hundred and eleven, entitled "An act to establish a public school system in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, together with the provisions by which it shall be administered, and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof, providing revenue to establish and maintain the same, and the method of collecting such revenue; and repealing all laws, general, special or local, or any parts thereof, that are or may be inconsistent therewith," [and the Commonwealth shall reimburse such school districts, as provided for in this act]. If any school district neglects or refuses to pay for such tuition it shall be liable therefor, in an action of contract, to the school district or school districts maintaining the school which the pupil, with the approval of the board, attended.

Section 8 amended.

Section 8. That section eight of said act be hereby amended to read as follows:

Approved local or joint vocational schools.

Section 8. *Vocational industrial, vocational agricultural, and [household arts] vocational home economics* schools or departments shall, so long as they are approved by the State [Board] *Council* of Education as to organization, control, location, equipment, courses of study, qualifications of teachers, methods of instruction, conditions of admission, employment of pupils, and expenditures of money, constitute approved local or joint vocational schools. School districts maintaining such approved local or joint vocational schools or departments shall receive reimbursement, as hereinafter provided.

Reimbursement.

Section 9 amended.

Section 9. That section nine of said act be hereby amended to read as follows:

Reimbursement of districts.

Section 9. The Commonwealth, in order to aid in the maintenance of the approved local or joint *vocational industrial [household arts], vocational home eco-*

*nomics, and vocational agricultural schools or departments, shall, as provided in this act, pay annually from the treasury to school districts and unions of school districts, maintaining such schools or departments, by order on the State Treasurer, signed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, from funds appropriated by the Legislature for that purpose or otherwise available, and in addition to the amounts paid to such school districts under the provisions of section one thousand two hundred and ten of an act, approved the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eleven (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred and nine), entitled "An act to establish a public school system in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, together with the provisions by which it shall be administered, and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof, providing revenue to establish and maintain the same, and the method of collecting such revenue; and repealing all laws, general, special or local, or any parts thereof, that are or may be inconsistent therewith," as amended, [an amount equal to two-thirds the sum which has been expended during the previous school year by such a school district, or districts, for instruction in practical subjects and in such related technical and academic subjects as may be necessary to complete well-rounded courses of training] amounts computed in accordance with the following schedules:*

*Districts of the first class. The Commonwealth shall reimburse, as hereinafter provided, districts of the first class to the extent of twenty-five per centum (25%) of the sum expended for salaries during the previous school year by such district or unions of districts for approved instruction in practical and related technical subjects in day vocational schools or departments, and for approved instruction in practical, related technical, and academic subjects in part-time co-operative schools or departments.*

Districts of first class

*Districts of the second, third, and fourth classes. The Commonwealth shall reimburse, as hereinafter provided, districts of the second, third, and fourth classes which have a true valuation per teacher of assessable property exceeding two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) to the extent of forty per centum (40%) of the sum expended for salaries during the previous school year by such district or unions of districts for approved instruction in practical and related technical subjects in day vocational schools or departments, and for approved instruction in practical, related technical, and academic subjects in part-time co-operative schools or departments; and that the amount paid to a school district in any of the foregoing classes which has a true valuation per teacher of more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) and not more than*

Districts of second, third or fourth classes.

two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) shall be forty-five per centum (45%) of the sum expended for salaries during the previous school year by such district or unions of districts for approved instruction, practical and related technical subjects in day vocational schools or departments and for approved instruction in practical, related technical, and academic subjects in part-time co-operative schools or departments; and that the amount paid to a district in any of the foregoing classes which has a true valuation per teacher of assessable property more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) and not more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) shall be fifty per centum (50%) of the sum expended for salaries during the previous school year by such district or unions of districts for approved instruction in practical and related technical subjects in day vocational schools or departments and for approved instruction in practical, related technical, and academic subjects in part-time co-operative schools or departments; and the amount paid to a school district in any of the foregoing classes which has a true valuation per teacher of assessable property of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or less shall receive fifty-five per centum (55%) of the sum expended for salaries during the previous school year by such district or unions of districts for approved instruction in practical and related technical subjects in day vocational schools or departments and for approved instruction in practical, related technical, and academic subjects in part-time co-operative schools or departments: *Provided*, That districts of the fourth class shall be reimbursed to the extent of twenty per centum (20%) of the sum expended for salaries during the previous school year by such district or unions of districts for approved instruction in academic subjects in approved rural community vocational schools: *Provided further*, That no district shall receive a reimbursement of more than eighty per centum (80%) of any one teacher's salary from either Federal or State funds or from both.

*Proviso.*

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*Evening or part-time school.*

The Commonwealth, in order to aid in the maintenance of approved local or joint evening vocational industrial, vocational home economics, and vocational agricultural schools or departments or part-time vocational courses shall pay, as provided in this act as amended, annually from the treasury to school districts and unions of school districts maintaining such evening schools or departments in the several classes of districts, an amount equal to two-thirds the sum which was expended for salaries of part-time and evening school teachers and supervisors during the previous school year by such a school district or unions of districts for approved instruction in practical and related technical subjects.

Whenever two or more fourth class districts unite by joint agreement, approved by the Department of Public Instruction, for the purpose of providing and maintaining approved vocational instruction as a part of the school program, the Commonwealth shall as provided in this act pay annually from the treasury to such unions of school districts the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) so long as such joint agreement is in effect.

Unions of fourth class districts.

The Commonwealth, in order to aid in the maintenance of approved local or joint compulsory general continuation schools for minors fourteen to sixteen years of age, shall pay, as provided in this act, annually from the treasury to school districts and unions of school districts maintaining such schools twenty per centum (20%) of the sum expended for salaries during the previous school year by the district or unions of school districts for approved instruction required by law: Provided further, That the Commonwealth shall reimburse districts or unions of districts to the extent of forty per centum (40%) of the sum expended during the previous school year for salaries paid teachers of general continuation schools who were employed on a part-time basis. [Provided, No one school district shall receive more than five thousand dollars in any one school year.

Compulsory general continuation schools.

Proviso.

School districts that have paid claims for tuition in approved local or joint vocational schools or departments shall be reimbursed by the Commonwealth, as provided in this act, to the extent of one-half the sum expended by such school districts in payment of such claims.]

Districts having paid claims for tuition in local or joint schools.

Section 10. That section ten of said act be hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 10 amended.

Section 10. On or before the first Wednesday of January of any year in which the regular session of the Legislature is held, the State [Board] Council of Education shall present to the Legislature an estimate of the amount of money necessary to meet the expenditures to be incurred in the administration of this act for the two school years beginning with the first day of the ensuing July; and of the amount necessary to meet the claims of school districts and unions of school districts maintaining approved vocational schools or departments, under the provisions of this act, for the two school years beginning with the first day of the ensuing July. On the basis of such a statement, the Legislature shall make an appropriation of such amounts as may be necessary to meet the expense of carrying this act into effect, and of reimbursing such school districts and unions of school districts for such school years, as herein provided.

Biennial estimates.

Statement to be basis of appropriation.



Section 11 amended.

Statement of expenditures.

Section 12 repealed.

Section 11. That section eleven of said act be hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 11. On or before the tenth day of July of each year the school authorities of each district shall present to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction a statement of the amount expended during the school year, previous to such first day of July, for instruction in approved local or joint *vocational* industrial, [household arts] *vocational home economics, continuation schools*, or *vocational* agricultural schools or departments, as herein provided. On the basis of such a statement, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction shall, by requisition upon the State Treasurer, pay such school districts and joint school districts such reimbursement for the previous school year as is provided for in this act.

Section 12. That section twelve of said act be hereby repealed.

APPROVED—The 1st day of May, A. D. 1925.

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No. 251.

### AN ACT

To amend sections six hundred and twenty-three, and six hundred and twenty-four of an act, approved the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eleven (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred and nine), entitled "An act to establish a public school system in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, together with the provisions by which it shall be administered, and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof; providing revenue to establish and maintain the same, and the method of collecting such revenue; and repealing all laws, general, special or local, or any parts thereof, that are or may be inconsistent therewith," by making further provisions against fire hazard in school buildings.

Public schools.

Section 623 of act of May 18, 1911 (P. L. 309), amended

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section six hundred and twenty-three of an act, approved the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and eleven (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred and nine), entitled "An act to establish a public school system in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, together with the provisions by which it shall be administered, and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof; providing revenue to establish and maintain the same, and the method of collecting such revenue; and repealing all laws, general, special or local, or any parts thereof, that are or may be inconsistent therewith," be hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 623. All doors of entrance into any building [more than one story high,] used for [a public school building] *public school purposes* in this Com-

Doors shall open outward on all buildings now used.