

No. 497

AN ACT

To amend section 771 of the act, approved the tenth day of March, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 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," by providing for suitable ceremonies affirming and developing allegiance to the Flag of the United States and our American way of life and organization of government.

"Public School
Code of 1949."

Section 771, act
of March 10,
1949, P. L. 30,
amended.

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

Section 1. Section 771 of the act, approved the tenth day of March, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 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," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 771. Display of United States Flag; *Development of Patriotism*.—The board of school directors in each district shall, when they are not otherwise provided, purchase a United States flag, flagstaff, and the necessary *appliances therefor, and shall display said flag upon or near each public school building in element weather, during school hours, and at such other times as the board may determine.

All boards of school directors, all proprietors or principals of private schools, and all authorities in control of parochial schools or other educational institutions, shall display the United States national flag, not less than three feet in length, within all school buildings under their control during each day such schools are in session. In all public schools, the board of school directors shall make all rules and necessary regulations for the care and keeping of such flags. The expense thereof shall be paid by the school district.

All supervising officers and teachers in charge of public, private or parochial schools shall establish and direct the conduct of appropriate daily instruction or ceremonies, or, in lieu thereof, at least one full period per week, for the purpose of affirming and developing allegiance to and respect for the Flag of the United States of America, and for the promoting of a clear understanding of our American way of life, with all of the unparalleled individual opportunities, and our republican form of government, with its responsiveness to majority decisions and demands. Such elements shall be

* "appliance" in original.

included in this program as instruction in the fundamental principles of our form of government, an understanding of the provisions of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Constitution of the United States of America, the values to be found in the freedom of speech, of religion and of the press, the values to be found in obedience to the laws of the land and the Commonwealth, the importance of exercising the right of franchise, the obligation of every citizen to stand ready to defend our country at all times from infiltration or aggression by those whose acts and ideologies are contrary to our American philosophy of life.

APPROVED—The 8th day of January, A. D. 1952.

JOHN S. FINE

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

Section 1. Subsections (a) and (c) of section 1519 of the act, approved the tenth day of March, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 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," are hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1519. Teaching of Safe Driving of Motor Vehicles.—

(a) Any school district may provide for the teaching of safe driving of motor vehicles in the elementary and secondary schools of the district or in the secondary schools only, *in accordance with the standardized program established by the Department of Public Instruction.* In the case of pupils under the age of sixteen (16) years, such instruction shall be limited to classroom instruction by those who shall possess the qualifications prescribed by the State Council of Education.

"Public School Code of 1949."

Subsections (a) and (c) of section 1519, act of March 10, 1949, P. L. 30, amended.