

effective from the first day of April to the thirty-first day of March, to the owner or lessee of a farm on which is constructed an artificial pond, not exceeding two acres in surface area, inhabited by fish, and holding water, the source of which is wholly within the limits of such farm or from waters in which there are no game fish. Such licenses may be renewed each year.

The Fish Commission shall fix the terms of each such license and, notwithstanding any other provision of this act to the contrary, shall include therein permission to release stock and propagate catfish, sunfish, perch or bass, and to take fish of any size without regard to closed seasons or creel limits. Such license shall specify the manner of taking and the type, size and mesh of gear to be used, but shall not prohibit the use of a seine.

Section 57. *Use of Farm Fish Pond.* Any farm fish pond for which a license is issued shall be used for propagation of catfish, sunfish, perch or bass, and for harvesting catfish, sunfish, perch or bass, for the personal use of the licensee and persons residing or regularly employed upon the farm. No licensee shall permit any other person to fish in such pond and no fish taken from such pond shall be sold or offered for sale or transported from the premises.

Section 58. *Penalty.* Any person violating any provisions of this article shall, on conviction in the manner provided by chapter fourteen of this act, be sentenced to pay a fine of twenty dollars. In addition to such penalty, for the second offense, the farm fish pond license or fishing license, or both, of any such person, may be revoked for one year, at the discretion of the Commission.

APPROVED—The 21st day of August, A. D. 1953.

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No. 342

AN ACT

To further amend 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 vocational education through area technical schools; conferring powers and imposing duties on school directors, county superintendents and county boards of school directors; increasing the membership of the board in counties of the second class; and providing for reimbursements by the Commonwealth.

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

"Public School Code of 1949."

Section 921, act of March 10, 1949, P. L. 30, as amended in part by acts of May 10, 1951, P. L. 284, and September 28, 1951, P. L. 1551, further amended.

Section 1. Section 921 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," as amended in part by the acts, approved the tenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one (Pamphlet Laws 284), and the twenty-eighth day of September, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one (Pamphlet Laws 1551), is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Section 921. Election; Vacancies; Qualifications; Removals.—(a) In every county having a county superintendent of public schools, there shall be a county board of school directors consisting of five (5) members, [who] *except in counties of the second class where the board shall consist of seven (7) members. All members shall be elected at the annual convention of the school directors of the county next preceding the expiration of their respective terms of office, by majority vote of the school directors of the districts [under the supervision] of the county [superintendent,] attending such annual convention. They shall serve for terms of six years from the first day of July following their election, or until their successors are chosen. The terms of the members shall be staggered so that two members shall be elected in the year one thousand nine hundred fifty-two, two in the year one thousand nine hundred fifty-four, and one in the year one thousand nine hundred fifty-six; and thereafter, two members or one member, as is required to fill the expiring terms. In counties of the second class, the two additional members shall be elected in the year one thousand nine hundred fifty-six and each six years thereafter. Prior thereto, the vacancies shall be filled as herein provided in the case of other vacancies. All vacancies occurring by reason of death, resignation, removal from the county, or otherwise, shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the county board of school directors. The person elected to fill such vacancy shall hold his office until the next annual convention, at which a successor shall be elected for the remainder of the unexpired term.*

(b) No person shall become or be reelected as a member of the county board of school directors unless he, at the time he is chosen, holds the office of school director within the county. A vacancy shall occur upon the removal of the residence of any member of the county board from the county or from [a district under the jurisdiction of the county superintendent] *the district for which he was elected.* Upon the failure of any member to be reelected to the school board in the district of

his residence, he shall hold his office until the next annual convention, at which a successor shall be elected for the balance of the unexpired term.

(c) Any member of the county board of school directors may be removed in the same manner and for the same cause as provided by law for removal of members of boards of school directors.

Section 2. Article XVIII of said act is hereby amended by adding, at the end thereof, a new subdivision to read as follows:

Article XVIII,
said act, amended
by adding, at
end thereof, a
new subdivision
(c).

(c) *Area Technical Schools*

Section 1841. Area Technical Schools Authorized.—The county board of school directors of each county, individually or jointly with the board of one or more other counties, may, on or subsequent to the first day of June, one thousand nine hundred fifty-five, establish, maintain, conduct and operate schools, departments or classes for vocational industrial education, vocational agricultural education, vocational homemaking education, and vocational distributive occupational education, to be known as "area technical schools," for the benefit of pupils and adults residing in school districts not providing trade and industrial schools and departments. Area technical schools, as approved by the State Board for Vocational Education, may be organized as technical service centers in which pupils may enroll full-time or in which pupils enrolled in academic high schools may elect to attend part-time.

Section 1842. Advisory Committees.—Each county board of school directors shall appoint an advisory committee, composed of members representing local trades, industries, occupations, and administrators of the participating school districts. The advisory board shall advise the county board of school directors, boards of school directors operating vocational schools or departments, and school administrators having the management of area technical schools or of vocational schools or departments, on such matters as the need for a particular shop equipment curriculum, labor management co-ordination, or selection of personnel.

Section 1843. Powers and Duties of County Boards.—Subject to the applicable provisions of this act, each county board of directors of technical schools shall have power and its duty shall be:

(1) *To make a survey to determine the vocational education needs of the school districts under the jurisdiction of the county superintendent and other districts wishing to participate.*

(2) *To make and establish, and from time to time alter and amend, rules and regulations for the transaction of its business and for the administration of the work under its charge.*

(3) *To employ temporary professional and professional employes, supervisors and teachers, and to employ all other persons necessary to carry on vocational education, and to determine the salaries to be paid. All professional employes so employed shall have the same rights of tenure, minimum salaries and increments, and membership in the Public School Employes' Retirement Association, as professional employes of school districts.*

(4) *To purchase, lease, rent, improve, or sell land, and to build, repair, improve, lease, rent, buy and sell buildings.*

(5) *To acquire real property by purchase, gift, or condemnation, for the purposes of area technical schools. Such condemnation proceedings shall be instituted and conducted by the board in the name of the participating school districts in the same manner as provided by this act in the case of school districts.*

(6) *To purchase all necessary furniture, implements, books, materials, equipment and supplies.*

(7) *To make contracts with counties, cities, boroughs, towns, townships, and school districts, or other agencies, for carrying out the purposes of this subdivision of this article.*

(8) *To make an annual report, in writing, to the Department of Public Instruction, and such other reports as the department may require.*

(9) *When authorized by the participating school districts, and on behalf of such districts, to enter into agreements with the State Public School Building Authority or municipality authorities to buy land, build, alter, lease, equip and operate facilities for public vocational education of less than college grade.*

(10) *To establish attendance areas and to assign the school districts to be included in each.*

(11) *To accept pupils in area technical schools from districts not participating in their establishment and maintenance.*

(12) *To assign pupils residing within school districts under the jurisdiction of the county superintendent to vocational schools or departments maintained by school districts of the first, first A, second, or third class, with the approval of the districts maintaining such schools or departments, and to pay tuition for pupils permitted to attend such vocational schools or departments.*

(13) *To locate area technical schools according to the majority vote of the school directors present in convention from the school districts served by the area technical school.*

(14) *To enter into joint agreements with school districts of the second or third class operating vocational schools suitable for use as area technical schools.*

(15) *Such other powers and duties as are necessary to carry into effect the purposes of this act.*

Nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorize the expenditure of any funds prior to the first day of June, one thousand nine hundred fifty-five.

Section 1844. Establishment of Schools.—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.

Section 1845. Cost of Establishment, Etc.; Ownership of Property.—All expenses in connection with the establishment of area technical schools and additions and improvements thereof shall be borne by the school districts participating therein in the proportions agreed on by the respective districts. Any school district not participating in the original establishment of an area technical school, which later elects to become a participant, shall contribute to the cost of the school an amount agreed on with the then participating districts, and shall make such further annual payments on account of obligations to the State Public School Building Authority or rentals under leases with municipality authorities as shall be agreed on. All property of each area technical school shall be owned jointly by the several school districts participating in the establishment, maintenance and operation thereof, in the proportion the contribution of each to the cost of acquisition, construction and improvement bears to the total cost.

Section 1846. Cost of Maintenance and Operation.—Each school district participating in the establishment, maintenance and operation of an area technical school shall pay to the county board of school directors, annually, for each pupil residing in the district and attending the area technical school, an amount equal to the total budget for operating expenses and rental less the amount of Commonwealth reimbursements paid to the county board of school directors divided by the number of pupils enrolled in the area technical school which the pupils of the district attend as of October first of the current year.

Section 1847. Attendance of Pupils from Nonparticipating Districts.—On obtaining the consent of the county board of school directors operating an area technical school, and with or without the consent of the board of school directors of the district where the pupil resides, any pupil residing in a nonparticipating district within an attendance area where an area technical school is being operated may attend the area technical school. The school district where the pupil resides shall pay to the county board of school directors, annually, for each pupil attending the area technical school, a tuition charge equal to the total budget for operating expenses and rental of the area technical school attended less the amount of Commonwealth reimbursement on account of rent for the school paid to the county board of school directors divided by the number of pupils enrolled in the school.

Section 2502 and subsection (a) of section 2503, said act, as last amended by act of December 27, 1951, P. L. 1783, further amended.

Section 3. Section 2502 and subsection (a) of section 2503 of said act, as last amended by the act, approved the twenty-seventh day of December, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one (Pamphlet Laws 1783), are hereby further amended to read as follows:

Section 2502. Payments on Account of Instruction.—
 (a) Every school district and every vocational school district shall be paid by the Commonwealth on account of the instruction of all pupils in average daily membership in the district's public schools, joint elementary schools, [and] joint high schools *and area technical schools*, an amount to be determined by multiplying the number of teaching units, based on the number of all pupils in average daily membership in the district's public schools, joint elementary schools, [and] joint high schools *and area technical schools*, by the district's standard reimbursement fraction; and for the school year 1950-1951 by three thousand eight hundred fifty dollars (\$3850); for the school year 1951-1952 by four thousand dollars (\$4000); for the school year 1952-1953 by four thousand three hundred dollars (\$4300); for the school year 1953-1954 by four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4500); for the school year 1954-1955 by four thousand seven hundred dollars (\$4700); for the school year 1955-1956 by four thousand nine hundred dollars (\$4900); for the school year 1956-1957 by five thousand one hundred dollars (\$5100); for the school year 1957-1958 by five thousand three hundred dollars (\$5300); for the school year 1958-1959 and for each school year thereafter by five thousand five hundred dollars (\$5500) [; Provided, That the amount of payment to be made by the Commonwealth to any school district during the school year for 1951-1952 and 1952-1953 for the school years 1950-1951 and 1951-1952 on account of the instruction of pupils under the provisions of this section shall not

be less than the amount paid to the district during the school year 1949-1950 on account of the instruction of pupils: Provided further, That if the number of teaching units in any school district for the school year 1950-1951 or 1951-1952 is less than the number of teaching units for the school year 1948-1949, the payment by the Commonwealth shall be reduced proportionately].

(b) In addition to the payments hereinbefore specified, the following supplemental payments shall be made to the district of residence on account of pupils enrolled in elementary schools or high schools operated by joint boards of which the district of residence is a member, *pupils enrolled in area technical schools in which the district of residence participates*, and pupils enrolled in schools operated by union or merged districts:

(1) In the case of joint elementary schools, five hundred dollars (\$500) per teaching unit multiplied by the standard reimbursement fraction of the district of residence.

(2) In the case of joint high schools, five hundred dollars (\$500) per teaching unit multiplied by the standard reimbursement fraction of the district of residence.

(3) In the case of elementary schools operated by union or merged districts, eight hundred dollars (\$800) per teaching unit multiplied by the district's standard reimbursement fraction.

(4) In the case of high schools operated by union or merged districts, eight hundred dollars (\$800) per teaching unit multiplied by the district's standard reimbursement fraction.

(5) *In the case of area technical schools, eight hundred dollars (\$800) per teaching unit multiplied by the standard reimbursement fraction of the district of residence.*

In all cases, the supplemental payments specified in the foregoing shall be made only for organizations approved by the Department of Public Instruction.

(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, when because of sparsity of population, road or climatic conditions, or lack of other available high school facilities, the State Council of Education has approved the continued operation of a small high school, the district shall receive an amount based on a number of teaching units equal to the number of teachers approved by the State Council of Education as being required to provide a satisfactory educational program in such school, provided that the number of teachers employed is not less than the number approved.

(d) For no year shall any school district or vocational school district receive less than the minimum subsidy per teaching unit.

(e) *All payments and supplemental payments due school districts on account of instruction of pupils in area technical schools shall be made to the county board of school directors.*

Section 2503. Payments on Account of Tuition.—(a) Each school district, regardless of classification, sending pupils to another school district or vocational school district or to a joint school, *or an area technical school in the establishment and maintenance in which it does not participate*, approved by the Department of Public Instruction, shall be paid by the Commonwealth for every school year, on account of tuition, an amount to be determined by multiplying the sum of “overhead cost per pupil” and “instruction cost per elementary pupil” or “instruction cost per high school pupil,” as the case may be, as defined in section two thousand five hundred sixty-one of this act, or in the case of district pupils attending a school not located in this Commonwealth, on the basis of a reasonable tuition charge per pupil to be determined by the Superintendent of Public Instruction—(i) by the number of district pupils sent to schools of other districts or to joint schools *or area technical schools*; and (ii) by the district’s standard reimbursement fraction; and (iii) for tuition up to and including the school year 1948-1949, by seventy-five-one-hundredths (.75), and thereafter by eighty-five-one-hundredths (.85); and (iv) subtracting from the amount so obtained, the per pupil State appropriation paid to the district where the pupil attends school multiplied by the number of pupils.

Section 4. *Sections 2504 and 2506 of said act are hereby amended to read as follows:

Sections 2504 and 2506, said act, amended.

Section 2504. Payments on Account of Vocational Curriculums.—Every school district and every vocational school district, regardless of classification, *and every county board of school directors with reference to area technical schools operated by them which conform to county and State plans for technical schools or departments*, shall be paid by the Commonwealth for every school year, the sum of thirty-five dollars (\$35) in vocational agriculture and vocational industrial education; twenty dollars (\$20) in vocational home economics education; and fifty dollars (\$50) in vocational distributive education per pupil in average daily membership in vocational curriculums, approved by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Section 2506. Payments on Account of Approved Travel.—Every school district and every vocational school district, regardless of classification, *and every county board of school directors with reference to area technical schools operated by them*, shall be paid by the

* “Section” in original.

Commonwealth for every school year, on account of approved traveling expenses in the discharge of teaching and supervisory responsibilities of teachers, coordinators, supervisors and directors in vocational education, eighty per centum (80%) of the sum expended by the school district *or the board* for such approved travel.

Section 5. Section 2507 of said act, as amended by the act, approved the fourteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 1365), is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Section 2507,
said act, as
amended by act
of May 14, 1949,
P. L. 1365,
further amended.

Section 2507. Payments on Account of Approved Vocational Extension Classes.—Every school district and every vocational school district, regardless of classification, *and every county board of school directors with reference to area technical schools operated by them*, shall be paid by the Commonwealth for every school year, on account of approved vocational extension classes, eighty per cent (80%) of the sum which was expended by the district *or the board* for the compensation of vocational extension teachers and supervisors. For the purpose of computing reimbursement, the maximum compensation shall be two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) per hour and the amount expended for supervisory salaries shall not exceed twenty per cent (20%) of the sum expended for teachers' salaries: Provided, That in special cases when travel time or unusual preparation of instructional materials or other factors result in an inadequate compensation, the Department of Public Instruction may approve additional reimbursable employment time for such additional services upon the submission of adequate substantiative evidence from the responsible superintendent of schools.

Section 6. Section 2508 of said act, as amended by the act, approved the fourteenth day of January, one thousand nine hundred fifty-two (Pamphlet Laws 1933), is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Section 2508,
said act, as
amended by act
of January 14,
1952, P. L. 1933,
further amended.

Section 2508. Distribution of Federal Funds for Vocational Education.—In the event that the Congress of the United States provides additional funds for vocational education, the State Board for Vocational Education shall have authority to establish rules and regulations governing the administration and distribution of such funds.

In furtherance of the provisions of the Federal vocational education acts, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, with the approval of the State Board for Vocational Education, may allocate funds to school districts and vocational school districts *and to county boards of school directors with reference to area technical schools operated by them* for the conduct of vocational educational services and for the purchase of educational goods and services contributing to special vocational education

needs and experimental programs essential to mobilization or demobilization of civilian manpower, to the extent that Federal and State funds are available and intended for such purposes.

Said act amended by adding, after section 2508, a new section numbered 2508.1.

Section 7. Said act is hereby amended by adding, after section 2508, a new section to read as follows:

Section 2508.1. Payment on Account of Equipment Purchased for Area Technical Schools.—Every county board of school directors operating approved area technical schools or classes shall be paid by the Commonwealth, annually, on account of instructional equipment approved, purchased and installed, a proportionate share of Federal and State funds available and expendable for that purpose.

Section 2511.1, said act, as amended by act of January 21, 1952, P. L. 2195, further amended by adding, at end thereof, a new subsection (d).

Section 8. Section 2511.1 of said act, as amended by the act, approved the twenty-first day of January, one thousand nine hundred fifty-two (Pamphlet Laws 2195), is hereby further amended by adding, at the end thereof, a new subsection to read as follows:

Section 2511.1. Payments on Account of Obligations to State Public School Building Authority and on Account of Rentals Payable to Municipality Authorities and Non-profit Corporations.—

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(d) All payments due school districts by the Commonwealth, on account of obligations to the State Public School Building Authority or rentals under leases with municipality authorities for buildings or educational equipment for area technical schools, shall be paid to the county board of school directors operating the school. School districts not originally parties to an agreement with the State Public School Building Authority or a lease with a municipality authority for buildings or educational equipment for an area technical school, but later electing to participate in the operation of the school and agreeing to pay a part of the annual payments due under the agreement or lease, shall be entitled to payments by the Commonwealth to the same extent as though they had originally been parties to the agreement or lease. The amount thereof shall be paid to the county board of school directors. No payments shall be made on account of obligations or rentals for buildings or educational equipment for area technical schools unless the schools conform to county and State plans for technical schools or departments.

Section 9. Sections 2512 and 2513 of said act are hereby amended to read as follows:

Sections 2512 and 2513, said act, amended.

Section 2512. Certificates of Attendance Data.—On or before the first day of July of every year, each school district and each vocational school district, and with respect to area technical schools each county board of

school directors, shall file a certificate with the Superintendent of Public Instruction in such form as he may prescribe and on blanks to be furnished by him, showing attendance data for all pupils during the preceding school term, classified into such groups as the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall direct, together with such other information as the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall require, in order to enable him to properly administer the provisions of this act relating to reimbursements by the Commonwealth.

Section 2513. Certificates of Teacher Data.—On or before the first day of November of each year, each school district of the first and second class, and each school district of the third class having a district superintendent, *and with respect to area technical schools each county board of school directors*, shall file a certificate with the Superintendent of Public Instruction in such form as he may prescribe and on blanks to be furnished by him, showing the number of full-time teachers, supervisors, principals and other full-time members of the teaching and supervisory staffs, the number thereof employed in elementary schools, and the number employed respectively in three (3) and four (4) year junior high schools, the certificates held by each, and the compensation paid each for the current school year, and showing further the number of part-time teachers, supervisors and principals employed in extension schools and classes established as herein provided, the certificates held by each, and the compensation paid each during the preceding school year. On or before the first day of October of each year, each school district of the third class not having a district superintendent and each school district of the fourth class, and each vocational school district shall forward such a certificate to the county superintendent, and if approved by him, the county superintendent shall forward the same to the Superintendent of Public Instruction on or before the first day of November of each year.

Section 10. Section 2515 of said act, as amended by the act, approved the twenty-third day of May, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 1806), is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Section 2515. Ascertainment of Amounts Required; Apportionment.—The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall ascertain and determine the amount of funds required to meet each of the four payments to school districts, *county boards of school directors* and vocational school districts which become due and payable within each fiscal biennium, on the data and material contained in the certificates which school districts, *county boards of school directors* and vocational school districts are required to file with the superintendent immediately

Section 2515,
said act, as
amended by act
of May 23, 1949,
P. L. 1806,
further amended.

preceding the beginning of each biennium. The superintendent shall apportion and allot the same to and among the respective districts *and boards*. The amount paid to any district *or board* within any biennium shall be computed on the data and information contained in the certificates required to be filed each year, as herein provided. Each district's valuation to be used for purposes of computing its standard reimbursement fraction for the school year 1949-1950 and thereafter shall be the valuation placed upon its taxable real property by the State Tax Equalization Board.

Sections 2516
and 2517, said
act, amended.

Section 11. Sections 2516 and 2517 of said act are hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2516. Certification of Amounts.—When the amount payable to each district *and board* has been ascertained and determined by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, he shall certify the same to the State Treasurer and Auditor General, who shall place the accounts to the credit of the respective districts *and boards*. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall transmit to each county and district superintendent, a statement showing the amount which has been apportioned and allotted to each school district, *county board of school directors for area technical schools* and vocational school district under the supervision of such county or district superintendent.

Section 2517. Semi-annual Payments.—The amount apportioned and allotted to each school district, *county board of school directors for area technical schools* or vocational school district shall be divided into equal semi-annual installments and the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall draw his requisition semi-annually upon the State Treasurer in favor of each district *and board* for the amount to which it is entitled. Payment thereof shall be made to fourth class school districts, *county boards of school directors for area technical schools* and to vocational school districts during the months of March and October of each year, and to first, second and third class school districts during the months of April and November of each year.

Section 2518,
said act, as last
amended by act
of January 14,
1952, P. L. 2018,
further amended.

Section 12. Section 2518 of said act, as last amended by the act, approved the fourteenth day of January, one thousand nine hundred fifty-two (Pamphlet Laws 2018), is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Section 2518. Forfeitures for Employing Certain Teacher.—In the event that after the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one, any school district, *or county board of school directors with respect to area technical schools*, for a period of two successive years employs the same teacher, who holds only an emergency certificate for any grade or subject which he teaches, or for a period of two successive years, employs in the same

position teachers, who hold only an emergency certificate for any grades or subjects which they teach, such school district *or board* shall forfeit the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300) for each teacher so employed or for each position so filled. No such penalty shall be imposed for any violation of the foregoing provision during the biennium one thousand nine hundred forty-seven—one thousand nine hundred forty-nine. Any school district *or county board of school directors with respect to area technical schools* that now or hereafter employs any teacher, who does not hold any form of teacher certification to teach in the public schools of this Commonwealth, valid for the subjects or grades in which the teacher is giving instruction, shall forfeit one reimbursement unit for each such teacher employed. Any school district *or county board of school directors with respect to area technical schools* that employs a substitute after July first, one thousand nine hundred fifty-two, in a position where a vacancy exists for a full year or more, without the specific written approval of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, shall forfeit one reimbursement unit for each substitute so employed. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall deduct such sum or sums from the amount of the Commonwealth appropriation otherwise due such district *or board* under the provisions of this act.

Section 13. Sections 2519, 2520, 2521, 2522, 2523 and 2524 of said act are hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2519. Withholding Payments for Failure to Pay Minimum Salaries and Increments.—The Superintendent of Public Instruction may refuse to authorize the payment of any amount payable to any school district, *county board of school directors for area technical schools* or vocational school district for any school year, which *the* school district, *county board of school directors* or vocational school district shall at any time fail or refuse to pay to the members of its teaching and supervisory staffs the full amount of the minimum salaries and increments required by law. He may continue to withhold such requisitions until provision has been made by the school district, *county board of school directors in area technical schools* or vocational school district for the payment of such minimum salaries and increments.

Section 2520. Payments on Account of Increase in Number of Pupils and Additional Closed Schools.—In addition to the payments herein provided on account of the instruction of district pupils *and pupils attending area technical schools*, and on account of schools permanently closed or discontinued in any district, each district *and each county board of school directors with respect to area technical schools* shall receive its several apportionments, as herein provided, that shall have

Sections 2519,
2520, 2521, 2522,
2523 and 2524,
said act,
amended.

become due by reason of increase in the number of [districts] *district pupils and pupils attending area technical schools* subsequent to the certificate to the Superintendent of Public Instruction immediately previous to the beginning of the fiscal biennium, and its apportionment, as herein provided, for additional schools permanently closed or discontinued subsequent to such certificate. Such payments shall be made after certificate to the Superintendent of Public Instruction in the biennium year in addition to the last quarterly payment of the biennium as hereinbefore provided.

Section 2521. Errors in Certificates.—If any error in any certificate shall occur whereby a school district or a county board of school directors with respect to area technical schools would receive more or less of the State appropriation than is justly due to such district or board, the county or district superintendent shall have authority and hereby is required to forward immediately to the Superintendent of Public Instruction a correct certification, and the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall thereupon make it the basis of the appropriation due said district.

Section 2522. Payments to School Treasurer; Use.—The annual State appropriation apportioned and distributed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction to any school district or to any county board of school directors for area technical schools shall be paid to the school treasurer of the district or to the treasurer of the board, and shall be used by the district through its board of school directors for the use of the district for the purposes mentioned in this act or by the board for area technical schools.

Section 2523. Schools Closed on Account of Contagious Disease, etc.—When any board of school directors or county board of school directors with respect to area technical schools is compelled to close any school or schools on account of any contagious disease, the destruction or damage of a school building by fire or otherwise, and therefor is unable to keep such school or schools open for the minimum term required by this act, the Superintendent of Public Instruction may pay to such school district or board any or all of its share of the annual State appropriation as he deems proper.

Section 2524. Penalty for Falsifying Reimbursement Reports.—Any officer of any school district or county board of school directors with respect to area technical schools who knowingly falsifies any report or certificate required to be made for the purpose of obtaining any reimbursement under the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than three hundred dollars (\$300), nor more than one thousand

dollars (\$1000), or undergo imprisonment for a term of not less than one (1) month, nor more than six (6) months, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 14. Section 2541 of said act, as last amended by the act, approved the tenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one (Pamphlet Laws 283), is hereby further amended by adding, at the end thereof, a new clause to read as follows:

Section 2541, said act, as last amended by act of May 10, 1951, P. L. 283, further amended by adding, at end thereof, a new clause (6).

Section 2541. Payments on Account of Pupil Transportation.—School districts shall be paid by the Commonwealth for every school year on account of pupil transportation which, and the means and contracts providing for which, have been approved by the Department of Public Instruction, in the cases hereinafter enumerated, an amount to be determined by multiplying the cost of approved reimbursable pupil transportation incurred by the district by the district standard reimbursement fraction. In addition thereto, the Commonwealth shall pay to school districts which own their own vehicles, an annual depreciation charge of ten per centum (10%), to be calculated on the basis of the certified cost at which the district acquired the vehicle for which depreciation is claimed.

Such payments for pupil transportation shall be made in the following cases:

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(6) *To all school districts for pupils transported to and from area technical schools.*

Section 15. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 21st day of August, A. D. 1953.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 343

AN ACT

Regulating bondsmen and sureties; defining and providing for the registration and licensure of professional bondsmen; imposing powers and duties on courts of quarter sessions, district attorneys and the Insurance Commissioner; and providing penalties.

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

Bondsmen and sureties.

Section 1. Professional Bondsmen Defined.—A professional bondsman is any person, other than a fidelity or surety company or any of its officers, agents, attorneys, or employes, authorized to execute bail bonds or to solicit business on its behalf, who