

No. 555

## AN ACT

Amending the act of March ten, 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," changing limitations on driver-education expenses of the department, changing the basis of Commonwealth reimbursement to school districts on account of standardized driver-education programs, and providing for deductions from payments on account of instruction and tuition in the case of school districts having standardized driver-education programs.

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

Public School  
Code of 1949.

Section 1. Section 1519.1, act of March ten, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," amended July twenty-seven, one thousand nine hundred fifty-three (Pamphlet Laws 629), is amended to read:

Section 1519.1,  
act of March 10,  
1949, P. L. 30,  
amended July 27,  
1953, P. L. 629,  
further amended.

Section 1519.1. Standardized Driver-Education Program.—

(a) The Department of Public Instruction shall establish, for operation in the public school system of the Commonwealth, a standardized driver-education program in the safe operation of motor vehicles.

(b) The Department of Public Instruction shall assist school districts throughout the Commonwealth in the functioning of such program by—

(1) Preparation, publication and free distribution of driver-education instructional material to insure a more complete understanding of the duties of motor vehicle operators;

(2) Making such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out such program.

(c) [Every school district complying with the standardized program established by the Department for the school year 1951-52 and for every school year thereafter shall be paid a sum which shall be proportionate to the total amount available to the Department from the Motor License Fund for allocation and distribution to all school districts in the Commonwealth after payment of the following, which shall not exceed, during each school year, a sum equal to ten (10) cents for each motor vehicle learner's permit issued subsequent

to the fifteenth day of October, one thousand nine hundred fifty-one, namely:] *Annual expenditures of the Department of Public Instruction from the Motor License Fund for (1) salaries and [traveling] expenses of employes of the Department of Public Instruction essential to the program; (2) purchase of visual training aids and psycho-physical testing equipment; and (3) costs of preparation, publication and distribution of driver-education instructional material, for assistance to their driver-education programs, [as the ratio which the average daily membership of pupils over fifteen (15) years of age in such driver-education courses in such school district bears to the total average daily membership of pupils over fifteen (15) years of age in such driver-education courses in all school districts in the Commonwealth: Provided, That the payment shall not exceed the sum of ten (\$10) dollars for each such pupil per school year. Allocations and apportionments within any school district shall be made according to a similar ratio. Such sums shall be paid in the same manner as other reimbursements are paid to school district.] shall not exceed five (5) percentum of the annual total amount paid by the Commonwealth to all school districts on account of standardized driver-education programs.*

Act of March 10,  
1949, P. L. 30,  
amended by  
adding a new  
section 2504.1.

Section 2. The act is amended by adding, after section 2504, two new sections to read:

*Section 2504.1. Payments on Account of Standardized Driver-Education Programs.—Every school district complying with the standardized driver-education program established by the department shall be paid, by the Commonwealth from the Motor License Fund, an amount to be determined by multiplying the number of pupils in average daily membership in standardized driver-education programs by the district's standard reimbursement fraction and for the school year 1954-1955 by thirty (\$30) dollars and for the school year 1955-1956 and for each school year thereafter up to thirty-two (\$32) dollars. No school shall receive less than ten (\$10) dollars per pupil in driving training education.*

Applicability of  
payments.

Section 3. This amending act shall apply to payments made for the school year 1954-1955 and for every school year thereafter. The existing law shall continue in effect as to payments for school years prior to 1954-1955.

APPROVED—The 21st day of May, A. D. 1956.

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