

## No. 650

## AN ACT

Requiring the State Council of Education to prepare a State-wide plan for units of school administration and to submit it to the Governor and the Joint State Government Commission, and requiring the Governor to review such plan and submit it to the General Assembly, and making an appropriation.

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

Section 1. The State Council of Education shall prepare a State-wide plan for the reorganization of counties, or parts thereof, into intermediate units of school administration, by prescribing and adopting standards and regulations for intermediate units of school administration, taking into consideration all school districts of the Commonwealth, topography, physical barriers, homogeneity of interests, and needs density of population, population trends, fiscal capacity, nature of local units of administration, transportation facilities, and related factors.

State Council of Education to prepare a State-wide plan for reorganization of counties into intermediate units of school administration.

Section 2. The council shall submit the State-wide plan for reorganization, together with drafts of legislation necessary to put the plan into effect, to the Governor and to the Joint State Government Commission not later than December 1, 1956.

Submission of plan.

Section 3. The State-wide plan for reorganization and drafts of necessary legislation shall be reviewed by the Governor and transmitted, together with his comments, to the General Assembly not later than March 1, 1957.

Review and transmission of plan.

Section 4. The sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), or as much thereof as is necessary, is appropriated to the Department of Public Instruction for the use of the State Council of Education to carry out the provisions of this act.

Appropriation.

APPROVED—The 31st day of May, A. D. 1956.

GEORGE M. LEADER

## No. 651

## AN ACT

To further amend the act, approved the ninth day of April, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 177), entitled "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools or Teachers Col-

leges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative officers, and of the several administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards, and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and commissions shall be determined," by creating as a departmental administrative advisory board, the Coal Research Board, in the Department of Mines, prescribing its organization, powers and duties, and making an appropriation.

The Administrative Code of 1929.

Section 203, act of April 9, 1929, P. L. 177, last amended July 23, 1953, P. L. 656, further amended.

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

Section 1. Section two hundred three of the act, approved the ninth day of April, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 177), entitled "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative officers, and of the several administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards, and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and commissions shall be determined," as last amended by the act, approved the twenty-eighth day of July, one thousand nine hundred fifty-three (Pamphlet Laws 656), is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Section 203. Advisory Boards and Commissions.—The following advisory boards and commissions are placed in and made parts of the respective administrative departments, as follows:

In the Department of Military Affairs,  
State Military Reservation Commission,  
State Veterans' Commission;

In the Department of Forests and Waters,  
 State Forest Commission,  
 Flood Control Commission;  
 In the Department of Health,  
 Advisory Health Board;  
 In the Department of Labor and Industry,  
 Industrial Board,  
 Advisory Council on Affairs of the Handicapped;  
 In the Department of Welfare,  
 State Welfare Commission;  
 In the Department of Property and Supplies,  
 General Galusha-Pennypacker Monument Commission;  
*In the Department of Mines,  
 Coal Research Board.*

Section 2. Said act is hereby further amended by adding, after section four hundred \*sixty-five thereof, a new section to read as follows:

Act of April 9,  
 1929, P. L. 177,  
 amended by  
 adding a new  
 section 466.

*Section \*\*466. Coal Research Board.—The Coal Research Board shall consist of six citizens of the Commonwealth, appointed by the Governor and the Secretary of Mines, who shall be the chairman of the board.*

*The appointed members of the board, two of whom shall be anthracite operators, two bituminous coal operators, one a representative of the labor collective bargaining agency of the anthracite industry and one a representative of the labor collective bargaining agency of the bituminous coal industry, shall be familiar with the technology or economics of the anthracite or bituminous coal industry and shall be appointed for three year terms.*

Section 3. Said act is hereby further amended by adding, after section one thousand nine hundred five thereof, a new section to read as follows:

Act of April 9,  
 1929, P. L. 177,  
 amended by adding a new section  
 1906.

*Section 1906. Coal Research Board.—The Coal Research Board is authorized to conduct, or cause to be conducted, thorough and comprehensive research studies and research programs in the technology, the economics, and the marketing of bituminous and anthracite coal and their by-products, for the purpose of developing new uses and increased markets for such coal.*

*With the approval of the Governor, the board is authorized to enter into mutually satisfactory contracts*

\* "sixty-three" in original.

\*\* "464" in original.

*or agreements with any person, firm, institution or corporation as well as any State or Federal agency which the board deems wise, necessary and expedient in carrying out its objectives, but the board, in so far as it is practicable, shall make such contracts or agreements with persons, associations and institutions located within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The board may, subject to the approval of the Governor, make grants to public and private scientific schools, institutions and associations which have the necessary existing research laboratory facilities for the accomplishment of its powers and, to this end, it may use any matching or donated funds available from the Federal government, private or philanthropic concerns, associations and institutions.*

Appropriation.

Section 4. The sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) is hereby appropriated to the Department of Mines for the use of the Coal Research Board in the administration of this act.

Act effective immediately.

Section 5. This act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

APPROVED—The 31st day of May, A. D. 1956.

GEORGE M. LEADER

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No. 652

AN ACT

Amending the act of May one, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 905), entitled "An act for the protection of the public safety; regulating the use of highways, and the operation of vehicles, tractors, street cars, trackless trolley omnibuses, bicycles, pedestrians, and the riding of animals upon the highways of this Commonwealth; providing for the titling, including liens, encumbrances, and legal claims; registration of certain vehicles and licensing the operators thereof, upon payment of prescribed fees; prescribing and limiting the powers of local authorities to deal with the subject matter of this act; conferring powers and imposing duties upon the Department of Revenue, the Department of Highways, peace officers, mayors, burgesses, magistrates, aldermen, justices of the peace, the courts and the clerks thereof, owners of vehicles, and garage keepers; providing that records are admissible as evidence; imposing upon owners, counties, cities, boroughs, incorporated towns, townships, within the Common-