

No. 396

## AN ACT

Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 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," providing for audits and verifications of rights to reimbursements for enforcement thereof, and making an appropriation.

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

Public School  
Code of 1949.

Section 1. Section 2552 of the act is amended to read:

Section 2552 of  
the act amended.

Section 2552. Withholding State Appropriations.—It shall be the duty of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to withhold the payment of all money due any school district out of any appropriation made by the Commonwealth for any purpose, until all reports required by law and due at such time have been filed either with the Department of Public Instruction or other proper authority, whether or not such reports have any bearing on the right to such payment, *and until all the school district's records bearing on its rights to reimbursements have been submitted on such uniform forms and in such manner as shall be prescribed by the department.* At his \*discretion, he may, in like manner, withhold any or all appropriations from any district failing or refusing to comply with the laws and regulations of any department of the government of this Commonwealth for preserving the health or safety of pupils enrolled in the public schools.

Section 2. The act is amended by adding, after section 2552, a new section 2553 to read:

*Section 2553. Audits and Verifications of Rights to Reimbursements.—The comptroller of the Department of Public Instruction shall perform regular audits and field audits and, in his discretion, may perform special audits and field audits of accounts of all school districts, examining all records of receipts and expenditures and such facilities, supplies and materials as may be necessary to verify records of receipts and expenditures, and shall examine and verify allocations of receipts and expenditures among and within programs and reimbursement accounts. The department shall require each school district to submit to the department all of its records bearing on its rights to reimbursements on uniform forms prescribed by the department, and the department shall require each school district to make available all pertinent records and supporting data or materials to the comptroller.*

\* "discretion" in original.

## Appropriation.

Section 3. The sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000), or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby specifically appropriated to the Department of Public Instruction for the payment of salaries, wages or other compensation, the payment of general expenses, supplies, printing, equipment and all other expenses necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

APPROVED—The 13th day of July, A. D. 1957.

GEORGE M. LEADER

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## AN ACT

Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 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," repealing provisions authorizing the formation and operation of vocational school districts, and extending provisions for payment by the Commonwealth for area technical schools, and defining vocational technical education.

Public School  
Code of 1949.

Sections 1821 to  
1830, inclusive,  
act of March 10,  
1949, P. L. 30,  
repealed.

Section 1801 of  
the act amended  
by adding a new  
clause (15).

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

Section 1. Sections 1821 to 1830, both inclusive, of the act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," are repealed.

Section 2. Section 1801 of the act is amended by adding, at the end, a new clause to read:

Section 1801. Definitions.—The following words and phrases as used in this article shall, unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context, have the following meanings:

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(15) "*Vocational Technical Education*" shall mean a subject, or combination of subjects, of less than college grade designed to prepare an individual to enter or advance in an occupational field wherein success is largely dependent upon knowledge of techniques and applied sciences, the practice of which involves aspects of planning, managing, controlling, processing or distributing products, sales and services.

Section 2508.1 of  
the act, added  
August 21, 1953,  
P. L. 1223,  
further amended.

Section 3. Section 2508.1 of the act, added August 21, 1953 (P. L. 1223), is amended to read:

Section 2508.1. Payment on Account of Equipment Purchased for Area Technical Schools.—Every county board of school directors operating approved area tech-