

No. 711

AN ACT

Amending the act of April 4, 1925 (P. L. 127), entitled "An act relating to Adoption," by abolishing the advisory committee on adoption standards.

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

Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 1, act of April 4, 1925 (P. L. 127), entitled "An act relating to Adoption," amended August 26, 1953 (P. L. 1411), is amended to read: Subsection (b), section 1, act of April 4, 1925, P. L. 127, amended August 26, 1953, P. L. 1411, further amended.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., Definitions; Approval of Agencies and Institutions; Appeals; Report of Placement and Contents of Petition for Adoption.—

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(b) The standards of approval which shall be applied by the Department of *Public Welfare* annually shall be concerned with such practices as enable the agency or institution to carry out adequately its responsibilities of placing children for adoption under the provisions of this act. [Such standards shall be developed by the State Department of Welfare in cooperation with an advisory committee of not less than twelve members appointed by the Secretary of Welfare and representing both public and private child-caring agencies and institutions, related professions and the public at large, to serve without compensation, except for necessary expenses. Such standards shall be reviewed at least once a year by said advisory committee.]

Upon application made therefor, the Department of *Public Welfare* shall approve each agency or institution which it determines meets the standards of approval promulgated by the department. Whenever the Department of *Public Welfare* determines that an agency or institution fails to meet such standards, it shall file its disapproval or withdrawal of approval with the court of the county in which such agency or institution is located. Such actions shall not become effective until after hearing before the court. The Department of *Public Welfare* shall petition the court for such hearing and the court shall set a date therefor and prescribe the notice thereof to be given the agency or institution. After hearing *de novo*, in which the Department of *Public Welfare* shall be the complainant and the agency or institution the

respondent, the court shall either affirm the action of the department or shall enter a decree ordering the department to approve such agency or institution for the purposes provided in this act.

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Act effective immediately.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 21st day of December, A. D. 1959.

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No. 712

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," eliminating the necessity of approval by the State Board of Public Assistance of certain standards, rules and regulations.

Public School Code of 1949.

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

Section 1415, act of March 10, 1949, P. L. 30, added by act of July 15, 1957, P. L. 937, amended.

Section 1. Section 1415, act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," added by act of July 15, 1957 (P. L. 937), is amended to read:

Section 1415. Public Assistance for Medical, Dental or Surgical Care.—If the medical record of any child at any time discloses a condition which requires medical, dental or surgical treatment and the parent or guardian states to the school authorities that he is financially unable to have a physician or dentist of his choice render such care, he shall be advised that the cost of such care may be provided if application is made to the appropriate county board of public assistance. Upon application, the county board of assistance shall authorize payment for necessary medical, dental or surgical care as assistance as defined in the standards, rules and regulations established by the Secretary of Public [Assistance] *Welfare* in consultation with the Secretary of Health [and with the approval of the State Board of Public Assistance]. If it appears that the parent or guardian was financially able to pay for the medical, dental or surgical care for which payment was made on the authorization of a county board of assistance, the Department of Public [Assistance] *Welfare* shall recover the amounts thus expended from the parent or guardian liable for the support of such child as provided in the support law.