

## No. 317

## AN ACT

Amending the act of May 29, 1956 (P. L. 1803), entitled "An act providing for the establishment of forestry conservation camps by the Department of Forests and Waters for the development and conservation of the forests of this Commonwealth and for the rehabilitation and training of male youth; giving additional powers to the Department of Welfare; and making an appropriation," further regulating the acceptance and transfer of campers and providing for the payment by counties of a part of the operating expenses.

Rehabilitation of male youth.

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

Title and sections 2, 3 and 4, act of May 29, 1956, P. L. 1803, amended.

Section 1. The title and sections 2, 3 and 4, act of May 29, 1956 (P. L. 1803), entitled "An act providing for the establishment of forestry conservation camps by the Department of Forests and Waters for the development and conservation of the forests of this Commonwealth and for the rehabilitation and training of male youth; giving additional powers to the Department of Welfare; and making an appropriation," are amended to read:

## AN ACT

New title.

Providing for the establishment of forestry conservation camps by the Department of Forests and Waters for the development and conservation of the forests of this Commonwealth and for the rehabilitation and training of male youth; giving additional powers to the Department of *Public Welfare*; and making an appropriation.

Facilities to be provided and maintained for forest conservation and youth rehabilitation.

Section 2. The Department of Forests and Waters, at the request of the Department of *Public Welfare*, shall provide and maintain facilities to be used for forest conservation and for the education and training of male youth. In cooperation with the Fish Commission and with the Game Commission, the Department of Forests and Waters shall plan useful projects for conservation, recreation, dams or flood control in State forests and State park lands and shall supply personnel to supervise work on these projects.

Selection limited to youths 15 to 18 years of age.

Section 3. The Department of *Public Welfare* may select as campers young men fifteen (15) to eighteen (18) years of age, who have been committed to [the Pennsylvania Training School] *any youth development center* or whose commitment as campers is recommended by a classification and assignment center of the Department of *Public Welfare* and whose rehabilitation will be furthered by forestry work.

*The Department of Public Welfare may also accept as campers boys fifteen (15) to eighteen (18) years of age, who have been committed to an institution and whose transfer to a camp is recommended by the institution and approved by the committing Juvenile Court. The Department of Public Welfare may return campers to the institution from which they were received for reasons of health, security or morale. The committing Juvenile Court shall be notified, promptly, of such action and a full explanation in writing shall be provided the committing court and the institution. No forestry camp shall receive a boy as a camper unless an order of commitment accompanies him. When a boy is transferred from a forestry camp to an institution, the order of commitment shall accompany him.*

Section 4. The sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), or as much thereof as is necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Department of Forests and Waters for the construction and renovation of camp facilities. The sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000), or as much thereof as is necessary, is appropriated to the Department of *Public Welfare* for the operation of the camp or camps [ :Provided, That whenever campers are transferred to a forest conservation camp from the Pennsylvania Training School, the cost of maintaining them will be borne by that institution ]. *The county from which each boy was committed shall reimburse the Commonwealth for his care at a rate not exceeding fifty per centum (50%) of the per diem operating expenses for each such boy: Provided, however, That for purposes of this section for determining reimbursement to the Commonwealth, operating expenses shall not include compensation to campers for services rendered to the Commonwealth. The Department of Public Welfare shall establish rules and regulations respecting circumstances under which compensation may be paid and the amount of such compensation.*

APPROVED—The 14th day of July, A. D. 1961.

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No. 318

AN ACT

Amending the act of July 5, 1917 (P. L. 693), entitled "An act authorizing and empowering the several counties of this Commonwealth to establish and maintain schools for the care and education of children, under the jurisdiction of the courts of quarter sessions of the peace, or other courts, sitting as juvenile courts, and to acquire land therefor by purchase or by con-