

LAWS OF PENNSYLVANIA,

programs relating to socially or emotionally disturbed children and not more than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) shall be expended for programs relating to gifted children.

Act effective
immediately.

Section 9. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 12th day of September, A. D. 1961, except for the following item:

Section 8 which provides as follows: "THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000) OR AS MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY IS HEREBY SPECIFICALLY APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1962 FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND COUNTY BOARDS OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS ON ACCOUNT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION OF EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 2509 OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CODE OF 1949 AND FOR PAYMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (5) OF SECTION 1372 OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CODE OF 1949; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT NOT MORE THAN SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$75,000) SHALL BE EXPENDED FOR PROGRAMS RELATING TO SOCIALLY OR EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED CHILDREN AND NOT MORE THAN TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000) SHALL BE EXPENDED FOR PROGRAMS RELATING TO GIFTED CHILDREN," I withhold my approval from this item because of insufficient State revenue. Furthermore, no provision was made for this in the budget.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 547

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 the payments by the Commonwealth for certain equipment used for the instruction of handicapped children.

Public School
Code of 1949.

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

Section 1. The second paragraph of section 2509, act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," amended November 16, 1959 (P. L. 1506), is amended to read:

Second paragraph, section 2509, act of March 10, 1949, P. L. 30, amended November 16, 1959, P. L. 1506, further amended.

Section 2509. Payments on Account of Courses for Handicapped Children.—* * *

To find the "instruction cost per special class pupil," add (1) salaries of directors and supervisors of special education, public school psychologists, principals of special schools and assistants, teachers of approved special classes for physically and mentally handicapped children, clerks and assistants employed in the district's program for special education, (2) the district's contribution to the retirement fund on behalf of directors and supervisors of special education, public school psychologists, principals of special schools and assistants, teachers of approved special classes for physically and mentally handicapped children, clerks and assistants employed in the district's program for special education, (3) the cost of textbooks and supplies of the second class used in the district's special education classes or schools, (4) *the cost of telephonic system equipment which enables handicapped children to remain in their homes and still participate in classroom activities.* Divide the sum of (1), (2), [and] (3) and (4) on that part thereof which is approved by the Department of Public Instruction for reimbursement by the total number of pupils, *including those pupils who have available for use telephonic system equipment whereby they may remain at home and still *participate in classroom activities,* in average daily membership in the district's approved special classes for physically and mentally handicapped children. The quotient **so obtained shall be the "instruction cost per special class pupil."

APPROVED—The 12th day of September, A. D. 1961.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 548

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 that area technical schools for vocational education may be established and operated by certain boards of directors

* "partitcipate" in original.
 ** "so" not in original.