operate an area technical school in accordance with a plan approved by the State Board for Vocational Education, in which event, the county board or boards of school directors shall not be required to call a convention of school directors as herein provided.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

#### No. 549

### 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," changing eligibility for State scholarships.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Penn-Public School Code of 1949. sylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 1612, act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949." amended May 24, 1956 (P. L. 1669), is amended to read:

Section 1612, act of March 10, 1949, P. L. 30. amended May 24. 1956, P. L. 1669, further amended.

Section 1612. State Scholarships for Pupils of Secondary Schools.—For the purpose of assisting worthy young men and women graduates of secondary schools [of the State] to obtain higher education, the State will award competitive scholarships of the value of two hundred dollars (\$200) per year for four years to enable selected students to attend any institution in the State of Pennsylvania approved by the State Council of Education.

Appointments to such scholarships shall be made by the State Council of Education. Pennsulvania residents who have graduated from out-of-state high schools shall be eligible for State scholarships. The persons entitled to such appointments shall be determined by competitive examinations to be conducted under the supervision of the State Council of Education. Due notice of any examinations to be held under the provisions of this section shall be given in such manner as the State Council of Education may prescribe.

One scholarship shall be awarded to each county. any county where there is more than one entire senatorial

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district, one scholarship shall be awarded for each entire senatorial district.

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

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

### No. 550

## 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," redefining year to mean academic year in reference to State scholarships.

Public School Code of 1949. The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1612, act of March 10, 1949, P. L. 30, amended May 24, 1956, P. L. 1669, further amended.

Section 1. Section 1612, act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," amended May 24, 1956 (P. L. 1669), is amended to read:

Section 1612. State Scholarships for Pupils of Secondary Schools.—For the purpose of assisting worthy young men and women graduates of secondary schools of the State to obtain higher education, the State will award competitive scholarships of the value of two hundred dollars (\$200) per academic year for four years to enable selected students to attend any institution in the State of Pennsylvania approved by the State Council of Education.

Appointments to such scholarships shall be made by the State Council of Education. The persons entitled to such appointments shall be determined by competitive examinations to be conducted under the supervision of the State Council of Education. Due notice of any examinations to be held under the provisions of this section shall be given in such manner as the State Council of Education may prescribe.

One scholarship shall be awarded to each county. In any county where there is more than one entire senatorial district, one scholarship shall be awarded for each entire senatorial district.

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

DAVID L. LAWRENCE