any county penal facility shall be submitted by the County Commissioners to the Department of Justice for its review and approval.

Commitments to every such institution shall be made as provided by law.

APPROVED—The 19th day of September, A. D. 1961.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE

No. 626

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 payment of contributions to the School Employes' Retirement Fund on account of school employes on leave of absence for professional study.

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

Public School Code of 1949.

Section 1.   Article V. of the act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," is amended by adding, after section 522, a new section to read:

Article V., act of March 10, 1949, P. L. 30, amended by adding a new section 522.1.

Section 522.1.   Payments of Contributions to the School Employes' Retirement Fund on Account of School Employes on Approved Leaves of Absence for Professional Study Authorized.—Any school employe who has been granted a leave of absence, approved by the board of school directors, for professional study shall be considered to be in regular full-time daily attendance in the position from which the leave was granted during the period of said leave for the purpose of determining the employes right to make contributions as a member of the School Employes' Retirement Fund and continue his or her membership therein: Provided, That if the employe does not return to the employment of the school district for a period of at least one year the contributions made by and on behalf of the employe during the period of the leave of absence shall be refunded.

Section 2.   This act shall take effect immediately.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 19th day of September, A. D. 1961.

DAVID L. LAWRENCE