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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, establishing a fee and crediting the fee to the Department of Property and Supplies on account of rentals of certain buildings.

Public School Code of 1949.

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

Section 2008, act of March 10, 1949, P. L. 30, amended September 12, 1961, P. L. 1258, further amended.

Section 1. Section 2008, act of March 10, 1949 (P. L. 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," amended September 12, 1961 (P. L. 1258), is amended to read:

Section 2008. Board, Tuition and Fees.—The cost of board, tuition and fees shall be fixed by the trustees of the several State Colleges with the approval of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. No difference in the charge for board, tuition and fees shall be made in favor of any students pursuing similar studies.

The tuition of all students at the State Colleges, who are residents of Pennsylvania, shall be paid by the Commonwealth. Sufficient appropriations shall be made for this purpose. In addition to such appropriation, the board of trustees with the approval of the Superintendent of Public Instruction may fix a basic fee applicable to all undergraduate students and may charge such other fees as may be necessary for the proper operation of the college and may refund from their respective advancement funds any advance registration deposits paid by prospective students who are unable to enter college.

A differential in the basic fee may be established for those students who sign an agreement to teach in the public schools of this Commonwealth for not less than two years and who are pursuing therein regular courses for the preparation of teachers.

In addition to the other fees from time to time fixed. charged and collected in the manner provided by law, a fee of ten dollars (\$10) per semester of eighteen weeks and a proportionate fee for each trimester, quarter, term and summer sessions of six weeks or three weeks shall be fixed, charged and collected from each student while in attendance at a college which has constructed a student community building, or at a college for which the General State Authority has taken title to a student community building, which fee shall be credited to the Department of Property and Supplies and shall be fixed by boards of trustees in amounts sufficient to meet rentals due the General State Authority, pursuant to contracts to lease student community buildings constructed by the said Authority for the use of the State Colleges.

In addition to rental fees from time to time fixed, charged and collected in the manner provided by law from each person residing in State-owned or State-leased residential facilities at a State College for the maintenance and operation of such facilities, a sum of not more than three dollars per week shall be fixed, charged and collected from each such person as an additional rental fee. Such additional rental fees shall be paid to the Commonwealth and as much of said fees as may be necessary shall be credited to the Department of Public Instruction for the creation of—

- (a) A Reserve Fund for Contingencies and Capital Replacements, provided by annual payments from each teachers' college at the rate of one cent (\$.01) per cubic foot for each dormitory constructed, and
- (b) A Furniture and Equipment Reserve Fund, provided by annual payments from each State College at the rate of eight per cent of the original cost of furniture and equipment for each building, with the further provision that such payments to these reserve funds shall be deposited annually to the credit of the contributing college in order that accrued annual payments and earned interest may be available for the exclusive use of the contributing college for the specific purposes designated or for such purposes as may be approved by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

All moneys accumulated in the above reserve funds shall be paid by the Department of Public Instruction from the funds for the purposes for which the funds were created in accordance with disbursement procedures as provided by law. All additional rental fee moneys collected in excess of the amounts required to be deposited in the reserve funds shall be credited to the Department of Property and Supplies and paid on account of rentals due the General State Authority pursuant to contracts to lease dormitories constructed by the said Authority for the use of the State Colleges.

APPROVED—The 25th day of July, A. D. 1963.

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No. 164

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 23, 1931 (P. L. 932), entitled "An act relating to cities of the third class; and amending, revising and consolidating the law relating thereto," increasing the authorized rate of tax in certain cases.