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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
5 laws relating thereto," changing dates for convention and
6 submission of budgets; making editorial corrections.

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

9 Section 1. Section 906-A, subsection (b) of section 910-A,
10 section 911-A, clause (6) of section 914-A and section 918-A,
11 act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the "Public
12 School Code of 1949," added May 4, 1970 (P.L.311, No.102), are
13 amended to read:

14 Section 906-A. Program of Services.--From July 1, 1971 to
15 June 30, 1972, intermediate units shall provide essential
16 services formerly provided by county boards of school directors,
17 collect and analyze informational data and adopt the program of
18 services to be provided by the intermediate unit. On or before
19 May 1, 1971, and annually thereafter through 1977 and then on or
20 before July 1, 1978, and annually thereafter, each intermediate

1 unit shall submit a program of services for the next school year
2 to the [Superintendent of Public Instruction] Secretary of
3 Education for budgetary approval. Such program of services shall
4 be developed and submitted in accordance with law, as
5 hereinafter provided.

6 Section 910-A. Intermediate Unit Board of Directors.--* * *

7 (b) Except for the initial election, directors shall be
8 elected annually in [April] June by convention of the school
9 directors of the school districts comprising an intermediate
10 unit as follows: five every third year, four each other year.
11 Intermediate unit boards of directors shall organize annually in
12 July.

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14 Section 911-A. Annual Conventions.--The executive director
15 of each intermediate unit shall call a convention to be held
16 annually in [April] June for the purpose of electing members to
17 the intermediate unit board of directors, approval of the budget
18 of the intermediate unit by a majority of votes of the directors
19 present and voting and for the consideration and discussion of
20 matters pertaining to the improvement of education in the public
21 schools within the intermediate unit and such other business as
22 may properly come before the convention. The executive director
23 shall at least one week prior to such annual convention furnish
24 each director of each district comprising the unit with a
25 printed copy of the budget proposed for adoption. In addition,
26 the intermediate unit board of directors may call into special
27 convention the school directors of all school districts within
28 an intermediate unit at any time for the consideration of
29 business which may properly come before a special convention. On
30 petition of a majority of the school directors of all school

1 districts within the unit for a special convention for a stated
2 purpose relating to proper business of the intermediate unit,
3 the intermediate unit board of directors shall call into special
4 convention the school directors of all school districts within
5 the unit for consideration of such stated purpose. Notice to
6 each such district director shall be given at least five days
7 prior to such special convention.

8 Section 914-A. Powers and Duties of the Intermediate Unit
9 Board of Directors.--An intermediate unit board of directors
10 shall have the power and its duty shall be:

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12 (6) To adopt and advertise the intermediate unit budget. The
13 budget shall be approved by (i) at least a majority of the
14 school districts comprising the intermediate unit; and (ii) at
15 least a majority of the proportionate votes of all school
16 directors present and voting in convention, and shall be filed
17 annually with the [Superintendent of Public Instruction]
18 Secretary of Education and advertised or notice thereof given to
19 the public in each of its component school districts as required
20 of local school district budgets by section 687 of this act on
21 or before the first day of [May] July. Budgeted expenditures
22 shall be those expenditures classified as current expenses,
23 capital outlays, debt redemptions and outgoing transfers
24 according to the Manual of Accounting and Related Financial
25 Procedures for Pennsylvania School Systems and amendments and
26 supplements thereto published by the Department of [Public
27 Instruction] Education.

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29 Section 918-A. General Operating Subsidy.--(a) On or before
30 the first day of May 1971, and annually thereafter through 1977

1 and then on or before July 1, 1978, and annually thereafter,
2 each intermediate unit shall submit to the [Superintendent of
3 Public Instruction] Secretary of Education for prior review and
4 approval, a budget estimating the cost of operating and
5 administering the intermediate unit program of services for the
6 ensuing school year.

7 (b) In May 1971, and annually thereafter in May through 1977
8 and then in July 1978, and annually thereafter in July, the
9 [Superintendent of Public Instruction] Secretary of Education
10 shall estimate the amount to be paid by the Commonwealth to each
11 intermediate unit based upon approved budgets. In July 1971, and
12 annually thereafter in July, the Commonwealth shall pay to each
13 intermediate unit an advance payment equal to one-half of such
14 estimated amount. In December 1971, the Commonwealth shall pay
15 to each intermediate unit the balance of such estimated amount.
16 In December 1972, and annually thereafter in December, the
17 Commonwealth shall pay to each intermediate unit the balance of
18 the State's share of the budget approved for such school year,
19 less any State funds paid in the previous school year which were
20 unexpended or unencumbered at the end of the previous school
21 year.

22 (c) In computing approved budget expenditures, the
23 [Superintendent of Public Instruction] Secretary of Education
24 shall not consider Federal payments and payments by the
25 Commonwealth on behalf of the Federal Government.

26 Section 2. Subsection (g) of section 922.1A of the act,
27 added August 1, 1975 (P.L.180, No.89), is amended to read:

28 Section 922.1A. Auxiliary Services.--* * *

29 (g) Preliminary Budget. Annually, each intermediate unit
30 shall submit to the secretary a preliminary budget on or before

1 January 31 and a final budget on or before June [15] 30 for the
2 succeeding year; and shall file a final financial report on or
3 before October 31 for the preceding year.

4 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.