

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1399 Session of
1991

INTRODUCED BY JOHNSON, MAY 15, 1991

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS,
MAY 15, 1991

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled
2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the
3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the
4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative
5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,
6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or
7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or
8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative
9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and
10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative
11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,
12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the
13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive
14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of
15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and
16 other assistants and employees in certain departments, boards,
17 and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the
18 number and compensation of the deputies and all other
19 assistants and employees of certain departments, boards and
20 commissions shall be determined," transferring administration
21 of the Scotland School for Veterans' Children to the
22 Department of Military Affairs.

23 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

24 hereby enacts as follows:

25 Section 1. As much as relates to the Department of Education
26 in section 202 of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175),
27 known as The Administrative Code of 1929, amended July 9, 1976

1 (P.L.986, No.199) and September 28, 1976 (P.L.1048, No.211) and
2 repealed in part October 2, 1975 (P.L.298, No.96), November 26,
3 1978 (P.L.1207, No.283 and November 12, 1982 (P.L.660, No.188),
4 is amended to read:

5 Section 202. Departmental Administrative Boards,
6 Commissions, and Offices.--The following boards, commissions,
7 and offices are hereby placed and made departmental
8 administrative boards, commissions, or offices, as the case may
9 be, in the respective administrative departments mentioned in
10 the preceding section, as follows:

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12 In the Department of Education,
13 Pennsylvania State Board of Censors,
14 Board of Trustee of Thaddeus Stevens Trade School,
15 Board of Trustees of Scranton State School for the Deaf,
16 [Board of Trustees of Scotland School for Veterans'
17 Children,]
18 Public Service Institute Board,
19 State Board of Private Academic Schools,
20 State Board of Private Business Schools,
21 State Board of Private Trade Schools,
22 State Board of Private Correspondence Schools,
23 State Board of Education.

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25 In the Department of Military Affairs,
26 Armory Board of the State of Pennsylvania,
27 Board of Trustees of Scotland School for Veterans'
28 Children,

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30 Section 2. Section 1311 of the act, amended July 9, 1976

1 (P.L.986, No.199), is amended to read:

2 Section 1311. Boards of Trustees of State Institutions
3 Within the Department.--The Board of Trustees of Scranton State
4 School for the Deaf, [the Board of Trustees of Scotland School
5 for Veterans' Children,] and the Board of Trustees of Thaddeus
6 Stevens Trade School, shall have general direction and control
7 of the property and management of their respective institutions.
8 Each of the boards of trustees shall have the power and its duty
9 shall be:

10 (a) Subject to the approval of the Governor, to elect a
11 president, principal, or superintendent, of the institution, who
12 shall, subject to the authority of the board, administer the
13 institution, and, if deemed advisable, a business manager.

14 (b) On nomination by the president, principal, or
15 superintendent, from time to time, to appoint such officers and
16 employes as may be necessary;

17 (c) To fix the salaries of its employes in conformity with
18 the standards established by the Executive Board;

19 (c.1) To authorize the superintendent or business manager of
20 the institution to purchase instructional materials, education,
21 technical, administrative, custodial and maintenance equipment
22 and supplies not in excess of a cost of one thousand five
23 hundred dollars (\$1,500) without competitive bidding with the
24 approval of the board of trustees, after notice to the Secretary
25 of General Services, except that such items shall not be bought
26 in series to avoid the dollar ceiling, nor shall any items be
27 included for which the Department of General Services has
28 contracts, either through schedules or group purchase contracts,
29 current or proposed;

30 (d) Subject to the approval of the Secretary of Education,

1 to make such by-laws, rules and regulations for the management
2 of the institution as it may deem advisable.

3 Section 3. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

4 Section 1418. Scotland School for Veterans' Children.--The
5 Board of Trustees of Scotland School for Veterans' Children
6 acting within the Department of Military Affairs shall have
7 general direction and control of the property and management of
8 the institution and shall have the power and duty to:

9 (1) Elect a president, principal or superintendent of the
10 institution who shall administer the institution.

11 (2) On nomination by the president, principal or
12 superintendent, from time to time, appoint such officers and
13 employees as may be necessary.

14 (3) Fix the salaries of its employees in conformity with the
15 standards established by the Executive Board.

16 (4) Authorize the superintendent or business manager of the
17 institution to purchase instructional materials, education,
18 technical, administrative, custodial and maintenance equipment
19 and supplies not in excess of a cost of one thousand five
20 hundred dollars (\$1,500) without competitive bidding with the
21 approval of the board of trustees, after notice to the Secretary
22 of General Services, except that such items shall not be bought
23 in series to avoid the dollar ceiling, nor shall any items be
24 included for which the Department of General Services has
25 contracts, either through schedules or group purchase contracts,
26 current or proposed.

27 (5) Make such by-laws, rules and regulations for the
28 management of the institution as it may deem advisable.

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