

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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KUKOVICH, RICHARDSON, LINTON AND CARN, JUNE 12, 1991

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JUNE 12, 1991

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," further providing for the authority
6 to operate or contract for day-care services.

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

9 Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known
10 as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding sections
11 to read:

12 Section 528. Day Care for Infants and Young Children of
13 Students.--(a) Each school district acting alone or as part of
14 an intermediate unit shall provide day-care services in school
15 facilities or contract with a licensed provider of day-care
16 services for the infants and young children of any students
17 nineteen (19) years of age and under enrolled in grades seven
18 through twelve during regular school hours.

19 (b) The Department of Education shall, with funds

appropriated for this purpose, enter into agreements with school districts or intermediate units for the establishment and maintenance of day-care services for the children of students. The Department of Education shall promulgate rules and regulations for the administration of this program.

Section 2597. Payments on Account of Day Care for Infants and Young Children of Students.--(a) Every school district or intermediate unit which provides day-care services to infants and young children of students enrolled in school shall be reimbursed by the Commonwealth fifty per centum (50%) of the cost on account of day-care services which conform to standards adopted by the Department of Education. The amount thereof shall be the actual cost of day-care services authorized by the Secretary of Education, but shall not in any case exceed the sum of seventy-five dollars (\$75) per week per child enrolled for day-care services.

(b) To the extent funds are available, Federal reimbursement shall be claimed for any child receiving day-care services.

(c) If the sum appropriated for any school year is not sufficient to pay in full the total amount to which all qualified school districts and intermediate units are entitled to receive under this section, the allocations to the school districts and intermediate units shall be proportionately reduced to the extent necessary to bring the aggregate of all allocations within the limits of the amounts appropriated.

Section 2. The sum of \$6,000,000 is hereby appropriated to the Department of Education for reimbursement to school districts and intermediate units for fiscal year 1991-1992.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1991, or immediately whichever is later.