

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," repealing provisions relating to
6 heating stoves to be shielded, ventilation and thermometer,
7 fireproof construction, doors to open outward and fire
8 escapes, water-closets or out-houses, contracts to require
9 competent workmen and condition of grounds and shade trees.

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

12 Section 1. Sections 736, 737 and 738 of the act of March 10,
13 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949,
14 are repealed:

15 [Section 736. Heating Stoves to be Shielded.--No board of
16 school directors in this Commonwealth shall use a common heating
17 stove for the purpose of heating any school room, unless such
18 stove is in part enclosed within a shield or jacket made of
19 galvanized iron, or other suitable material, and of sufficient
20 height, and so placed, as to protect all pupils while seated at
21 their desks from direct rays of heat.

1 Section 737. Ventilation; Thermometer.--No school room or
2 recitation room shall be used in any public school which is not
3 provided with ample means of ventilation, and whose windows,
4 when they are the only means of ventilation, shall not admit of
5 ready adjustment both at the top and bottom, and which does not
6 have some device to protect pupils from currents of cold air.
7 Every school room or recitation room shall be furnished with a
8 thermometer.

9 Section 738. Fireproof Construction.--All school buildings,
10 two or more stories high, hereafter erected or leased in any
11 school district of the first class in this Commonwealth shall be
12 of fireproof construction; and in any school district of the
13 second, third, or fourth class, every building more than two
14 stories high, hereafter built or leased for school purposes,
15 shall be of fireproof construction.]

16 Section 2. Section 739 of the act, amended March 23, 1972
17 (P.L.118, No.43), is repealed:

18 [Section 739. Doors to Open Outward; Fire Escapes; etc.--All
19 doors of entrance into any building used for public school
20 purposes shall open outward.

21 In all school buildings erected after the first day of May,
22 one thousand nine hundred twenty-five, or buildings leased or
23 used for school purposes, all entrance and exit doors, as well
24 as all doors leading to or from all regular, special, or general
25 rooms, shall open outward.

26 Every school building shall be provided with necessary fire-
27 escapes and safety-appliances as required by law.

28 On and after January 1, 1973, each new school building and
29 every addition to an existing school building equipped with
30 windows and with no emergency fire rescue door to the outside,

1 shall be equipped with escape windows of such type and at such
2 locations as may be approved by the Department of Labor and
3 Industry.]

4 Section 3. Sections 740, 752 and 772 of the act are
5 repealed:

6 [Section 740. Water-closets or Out-houses.--The board of
7 school directors in every district shall, with every building
8 used for school purposes, provide and maintain in a proper
9 manner, a suitable number of water-closets or out-houses, not
10 less than two for each building, where both sexes are in
11 attendance. Such water-closets or out-houses shall be suitably
12 constructed for, and used separately by, the sexes. When any
13 water-closets or out-houses are outside and detached from the
14 school building, the entrances thereto shall be properly
15 screened, and they shall, unless constructed at a remote
16 distance from each other, have separate means of access thereto,
17 and, if possible, for not less than twenty-five (25) feet from
18 such water-closets or out-houses, such means of access or walks
19 leading thereto shall be separated by a closed partition, wall,
20 or fence, not less than seven (7) feet high.

21 The board of school directors shall keep all water-closets or
22 out-houses, used in connection with any school building, in a
23 clean and sanitary condition, and shall, not less than ten (10)
24 days prior to the opening of any term of school, and oftener if
25 necessary, have them properly cleaned and disinfected by the use
26 of fresh-dry-slacked lime, or other proper disinfecting
27 materials.

28 Section 752. Contracts to Require Competent Workmen.--All
29 contracts, hereafter awarded and entered into by any school
30 district, shall contain a clause or stipulation requiring that

1 no person shall be employed to do work under such contract
2 except competent and first-class workmen and mechanics. No
3 workmen shall be regarded as competent and first-class, within
4 the meaning of this act, except those who are duly skilled in
5 their respective branches of labor, and who shall be paid not
6 less than such rates of wages and for such hours' work as shall
7 be the established and current rates of wages paid for such
8 hours by employers of organized labor in doing of similar work
9 in the district where work is being done.

10 Section 772. Condition of Grounds; Shade Trees.--The board
11 of school directors in each school district shall put the
12 grounds about every school building in a neat, proper and
13 sanitary condition and so maintain the same and shall provide
14 and maintain a proper number of shade trees.]

15 Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.