

PENNSYLVANIA SOLDIERS ORPHAN SCHOOL
Act of May 21, 1943, P.L. 302, No. 140
AN ACT

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Providing for the admission of children to, and their education and maintenance in, and their discharge from the Scotland School for Veterans' Children; prohibiting discharging children or taking children from said school, or children from leaving the same without an order of the Board of Trustees of the Scotland School for Veterans' Children; and prescribing penalties. (Title amended May 24, 1951, P.L.351, No.76)

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

Section 1. The Board of Trustees of the Scotland School for Veterans' Children shall admit to the Scotland School for Veterans' Children, under such rules and forms of application as it may adopt, children over six (6) and under sixteen (16) years of age, of a custodial parent or legal guardian who has resided in this Commonwealth for a continuous period of not less than three years prior to application for admission of such children, or prior to the death of the last survivor of such parents, and one or both of whose parents, grandparents, siblings or parents' siblings has served in any branch of the armed forces of the United States and has died in such service or has been honorably discharged therefrom.

Preference in admission shall be as follows: (1) Children whose parent or parents served in the armed forces during any war or armed conflict in which the United States has been, is now or may hereafter be engaged, or in any movement or campaign in connection therewith or resulting therefrom; (2) Children, both of whose parents are dead; (3) Children, with only one living parent; (4) Destitute children not being in the foregoing classes.

(1 amended Oct. 13, 1994, P.L.593, No.88)

Compiler's Note: Section 6(e) of Act 105 of 1996 provided that, notwithstanding the transfer of the Scotland School for Veterans' Children from the Department of Education to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs under Act 105, section 1 shall remain in full force and effect insofar as it relates to teachers at the Scotland School for Veterans' Children.

Section 2. Children so admitted shall be educated and maintained in the Scotland School for Veterans' Children until they shall severally become nineteen years of age, unless sooner discharged for cause by order of the board: Provided, That the board may at its discretion extend the time of the discharge of any child until the end of the school year during which such child reaches the age of nineteen years. For the purposes of this proviso the school year shall be deemed to commence the

first day of September of each year.

(2 amended May 24, 1951, P.L.351, No.76)

Compiler's Note: Section 6(e) of Act 105 of 1996 provided that, notwithstanding the transfer of the Scotland School for Veterans' Children from the Department of Education to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs under Act 105, section 2 shall remain in full force and effect insofar as it relates to teachers at the Scotland School for Veterans' Children.

Section 3. No child admitted to the Scotland School for Veterans' Children shall be discharged therefrom, or leave the same, or be taken therefrom by any person, except on order of the board of trustees. In discharging a child from the school, or in permitting a child to leave or be taken from the school, the board of trustees shall be governed by the best interests of the child or the best interests of the other children in the school, as the case may be.

(3 amended May 24, 1951, P.L.351, No.76)

Compiler's Note: Section 6(e) of Act 105 of 1996 provided that, notwithstanding the transfer of the Scotland School for Veterans' Children from the Department of Education to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs under Act 105, section 3 shall remain in full force and effect insofar as it relates to teachers at the Scotland School for Veterans' Children.

Section 4. Whoever takes any child from the Scotland School for Veterans' Children, or assists any child to leave the same, without an order from the board permitting such taking or leaving, and any child who leaves said school without permission so to do, shall, upon summary conviction thereof be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00), and in default of the payment thereof and costs, shall undergo imprisonment not to exceed ten days, or in the case of a minor, subject to the jurisdiction of the juvenile courts, shall be dealt with by such court as in other cases of juvenile delinquency.

(4 amended May 24, 1951, P.L.351, No.76)

Compiler's Note: Section 6(e) of Act 105 of 1996 provided that, notwithstanding the transfer of the Scotland School for Veterans' Children from the Department of Education to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs under Act 105, section 4 shall remain in full force and effect insofar as it relates to teachers at the Scotland School for Veterans' Children.

Section 5. Sections six, seven and eight of the act, approved the twenty-seventh day of May, one thousand eight hundred ninety-three (Pamphlet Laws, one hundred seventy-one), entitled, as amended "An act providing for the acquisition of land and the erection, equipment, management, and operation of the Pennsylvania Soldiers Orphans' School; the maintenance of children admitted thereto, and regulating the admissions to and discharges from the said Pennsylvania Soldiers Orphans' School,"

and their amendments, are hereby repealed absolutely.

All other acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 6. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon its final enactment.