

**CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
**Act of Jul. 23, 1969, P.L. 181, No. 74**  
AN ACT

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Creating the Department of Education and transferring to it the powers and duties of the Department of Public Instruction; providing that the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall be ex officio, the Secretary of Education; and transferring personnel, appropriations, allocations, contracts, agreements, equipment, files, obligations and other material from the Department of Public Instruction to the Department of Education.

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

Section 1. There is hereby created a Department of Education. All of the functions, powers and duties of the Department of Public Instruction are hereby transferred to the Department of Education.

Section 2. The Department of Education shall be administered by a Secretary of Education. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall ex officio be the Secretary of Education.

Section 3. (a) Whenever in any law reference is made to the Department of Public Instruction such reference shall be deemed to refer to and include the Department of Education.

(b) Whenever in any law reference is made to the Superintendent of Public Instruction or to the Secretary of Education, such reference shall be deemed to refer to the Superintendent of Public Instruction as ex officio Secretary of Education.

Section 4. All personnel, appropriations, allocations, contracts, agreements, equipment, files, obligations and other material which relate to the administration and enforcement of the laws of this Commonwealth as they relate to the Department of Public Instruction are hereby transferred to the Department of Education with the same force and effect as if the appropriations had been made to the Department of Education in the first instance, and said contracts, agreements, and obligations of the Department of Public Instruction had been incurred or entered into by said Department of Education.

Section 5. This act shall take effect immediately.