

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1163 Session of
1973

INTRODUCED BY REIBMAN, OCTOBER 1, 1973

REFERRED TO EDUCATION, OCTOBER 1, 1973

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," renaming the Intermediate Unit and
6 granting them authority to coordinate transportation
7 services.

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

10 Section 1. Article IX-A, act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30,
11 No.14), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," added May 4,
12 1970 (P.L.311, No.102), clause (16) of section 914-A added
13 December 6, 1972 (No.308), section 922-A added July 12, 1972
14 (No.194) and section 923-A added July 12, 1972 (No.195), is
15 amended to read:

16 ARTICLE IX-A

17 INTERMEDIATE SERVICE UNITS

18 Section 901-A. Establishment of Intermediate Service
19 Units.--Each school district of the Commonwealth shall be
20 assigned to an intermediate service unit, and shall be entitled
21 to the services of an intermediate service unit in accordance

1 with a program of services adopted by the intermediate service
2 unit board of directors. The arrangement of the school districts
3 of the Commonwealth into intermediate service units shall
4 reflect consideration of (i) the number of public school
5 children enrolled in kindergarten through grade twelve, (ii)
6 ease of travel within each intermediate service unit, and (iii)
7 the opportunity to provide adequate basic services. Intermediate
8 service units shall be part of the public school system of this
9 Commonwealth, and shall become operative on July 1, 1971.

10 Section 902-A. Arrangement of School Districts Into
11 Intermediate Service Units.--The school districts are arranged
12 in intermediate service units as follows:

13 Intermediate Service Unit No. 1: Albert Gallatin Area,
14 Frazier, Brownsville Area, Connellsville Area, Laurel Highlands,
15 Uniontown Area, West Greene, Central Greene, Jefferson Morgan,
16 Carmichaels Area, Southeastern Greene, Fort Cherry, Burgettstown
17 Area, Avella Area, McGuffey, Cannon McMillan, Chartiers Houston,
18 Peters Township, Trinity Area, Washington, Ringgold, Charleroi
19 Area, Bethlehem Center, California Area and Bentworth.

20 Intermediate Service Unit No. 2: Pittsburgh City.

21 Intermediate Service Unit No. 3: North Allegheny, Quaker
22 Valley, Avalon Borough, North Hills, Avonworth, Bellevue
23 Borough, Babcock, Hampton Township, Braddock Borough, Allegheny
24 Valley, Braddock Hills Borough, Highlands Merged, Plum Borough,
25 Gateway, Churchill Area, Wilkinsburg Borough, East Allegheny,
26 Coraopolis Borough, McKeesport Area, West Mifflin Area Union,
27 South Allegheny, East Deer Frazer Union, Elizabeth Forward, East
28 Pittsburgh Borough, Clairton City, Edgewood Borough, West
29 Jefferson Hills Union, Baldwin Whitehall, Mt. Lebanon Township,
30 Etna Borough, Upper St. Clair Township, Bethel Park, Chartiers

1 Valley, Keystone Oaks, Fox Chapel Union, Montour, Carlynton, Sto
2 Rox, West Allegheny, Homestead Borough, Duquesne City, Brentwood
3 Borough, South Park, South Fayette Township, Millvale Borough,
4 Moon Union, Munhall Borough, Neville Township, North Braddock
5 Borough, Oakmont Borough, Penn Hills Township, Rankin Borough,
6 Reserve Township, Shaler Township, Sharpsburg Borough, Swissvale
7 Borough, Turtle Creek Borough, Verona Borough, West Deer
8 Township and West Homestead Borough.

9 Intermediate Service Unit No. 4: Slippery Rock Area, Butler
10 Area, Southwest Butler County, Mars Area, Bruin Borough, South
11 Butler County, Chicora Borough, Clay Township, Donegal Township,
12 Fairview Township, Karns City Borough, Moniteau Merged, Parker
13 Township, Perry Township, Petrolia Borough, West Sunbury
14 Borough, Ellwood City Area, Laurel, Mohawk Area, Neshannock
15 Township, New Castle Area, Shenango Area, Union Area, Wilmington
16 Area, Jamestown Area, Commodore Perry, Mercer Area, Greenville
17 Area, West Middlesex Area, Grove City Area, Lakeview, Sharon
18 City, Hickory Township, Reynolds, Sharpsville Area and Farrell
19 Area.

20 Intermediate Service Unit No. 5: Blooming Valley Borough,
21 Cambridge Springs Borough, Cambridge Township, Cochranton
22 Borough, Conneaut Lake Borough, Conneaut Valley Merged,
23 Cussewago Township, East Fairfield Township, East Fallowfield
24 Township, Fairfield Township, French Creek Township, Greenwood
25 Township, Hayfield Township, Linesville Conneaut Merged,
26 Meadville Area Union, North Shenango Township, Randolph East
27 Mead Merged, Richmond Township, Rockdale Township, Sadsbury
28 Township, Saegerwood Merged, Sparta Merged, Steuben Township,
29 Summit Township, Townville Area Merged, Venango Borough, Venango
30 Township, Wayne Township, West Fallowfield Township, Woodcock

1 Borough, Erie City, Mill Creek Township, Amity Township,
2 Bloomfield Township, Columbus Township, Concord Township, Corry
3 City, Edinboro Area Union, Elgin Borough, Fairview Union, Fort
4 Leboeuf Merged, Girard Union, Greene Township, Greenfield
5 Township, Harbor Creek Township, Iroquois Area Merged, McKean
6 Union, North East Borough, North East Township, Northwestern
7 Union, Spring Creek Township, Union City Borough, Union
8 Township, Venango Township, Wattsburg Borough, Wayne Township,
9 and Warren County.

10 Intermediate Service Unit No. 6: Allegheny Clarion Valley,
11 Clarion Area, Clarion Limestone Area, Keystone, North Clarion
12 County, Redbank Valley, Union, Dubois Area, Forest Area,
13 Brockway Area, Brookville Area, Punxsutawney Area, Oil City
14 Area, Franklin Area, Cranberry Area, Valley Grove, Allegheny
15 Township, Oilcreek Township, Pleasantville Borough and
16 Titusville Area.

17 Intermediate Service Unit No. 7: Burrell, Kiski Area,
18 Franklin Regional, Derry Area, Greater Latrobe, Mount Pleasant
19 Area, Ligonier Valley, Hempfield Area, Greensburg Salem, Yough,
20 Monessen City, Belle Vernon Area, Jeannette City, Norwin, Penn
21 Trafford, Southmoreland and New Kensington Arnold.

22 Intermediate Service Unit No. 8: Bedford Area, Chestnut
23 Ridge, Everett Area, Northern Bedford County, Tussey Mountain,
24 Tyrone Area, Bellwood Antis, Altoona Area, Williamsburg
25 Community, Hollidaysburg Area, Clayburg Kimmel, Spring Cove,
26 Northern Cambria, Cambria Heights, Penn Cambria, Portage Area,
27 Forest Hills, Blacklick Valley, Conemaugh Valley Area, Richland,
28 Ferndale Area, Westmont Hilltop, Central Cambria, Greater
29 Johnstown, Berlin Area Merged, Boswell Borough, Brothersvalley
30 Township, Conemaugh Township Union, Elk Lick Township, Fairhope

1 Township, Greenville Township, Hooversville Borough, Jennerstown
2 Area Merged, Meyersdale Area Union, Quemahoning Township,
3 Rockwood Area Merged, Salisbury Borough, Shade Central City
4 Union, Shanksville Borough, Somerset Area Merged, Stonycreek
5 Township, Stoystown Borough, Turkeyfoot Valley Area Union and
6 Windber Area Merged.

7 Intermediate Service Unit No. 9: Cameron County, Johnsonburg
8 Area, Ridgway Area, St. Marys Area, Bradford Area, Otto Eldred,
9 Port Allegany Smethport Area, Kane Area, Oswayo Valley, Northern
10 Potter, Coudersport Area, Galetton Area and Austin Area.

11 Intermediate Service Unit No. 10: Bald Eagle Area, Bellefonte
12 Area, State College Area, Penns Valley Area, West Branch Area,
13 Moshannon Valley, Harmony, Curwensville Area, Clearfield Area,
14 Philipsburg Osceola Area, Glendale Allison Township, Bald Eagle
15 Township, Beech Creek Borough, Beech Creek Township, Castanea
16 Township, Chapman Township, Colebrook Township, Curtin Township,
17 Dunnstable Township, East Keating Township, Flemington Borough,
18 Gallagher Township, Greene Township, Grugan Township, Lamar
19 Township, Leidy Township, Liberty Township, Lock Haven City,
20 Logan Township, Loganton Borough, Mill Hall Borough, Noyes
21 Township, Pine Creek Township, Porter Township, Renovo Borough,
22 Stewardson Township, South Renovo Borough, Wayne Township and
23 Woodward Township.

24 Intermediate Service Unit No. 11: Southern Fulton, Central
25 Fulton, Forbes Road, Juniata Valley, Huntingdon Area, Mount
26 Union Area, Southern Huntingdon County, Juniata County and
27 Mifflin County.

28 Intermediate Service Unit No. 12: Bermudian Springs Merged,
29 Conewago Township, Cumberland Township, East Berlin Borough,
30 Fairfield Area Merged, Franklin Township, Germany Township,

1 Gettysburg Area Merged, Latimore Township, Littlestown Borough,
2 McSherrystown Borough, Mount Joy Independent, Mount Pleasant
3 Township, New Oxford Area Merged, Union Township, Upper Adams
4 Merged, Central York Dallastown Area, Dover Area, Eastern York,
5 Northeastern, Red Lion Area, South Eastern, Southern York
6 County, South Western, Spring Grove Area, West York Area, York
7 City, York Suburban, Hanover Borough, Chambersburg Area,
8 Waynesboro Area, Tuscarora, Greencastle Antrim and Fannett
9 Metal.

10 Intermediate Service Unit No. 13: Cocalico, Conestoga Valley,
11 Donegal, Eastern Lancaster County, Elizabethtown Area, Ephrata
12 Area, Lampeter Strasburg, Columbia Borough, Manheim Central,
13 Manheim Township, Penn Manor, Pequea Valley, Solanco, Warwick,
14 Hempfield Union, Lancaster City, Lancaster Township, Palmyra
15 Area, Annville Cleona, Cornwall Lebanon, Eastern Lebanon County,
16 Northern Lebanon and Lebanon.

17 Intermediate Service Unit No. 14: Boyertown Area, Brandywine
18 Heights Area, Conrad Weiser Area, Daniel Boone Area, Exeter
19 Township, Fleetwood Area, Governor Mifflin, Hamburg Area,
20 Kutztown Area, Antietam, Muhlenberg Township, Oley Valley,
21 Reading City, Schuylkill Valley, Tulpehocken Area, Twin Valley,
22 West Reading Borough, Wilson and Wyomissing Area.

23 Intermediate Service Unit No. 15: Big Spring, Camp Hill,
24 Carlisle Area, Cumberland Valley, East Pennsboro Area,
25 Mechanicsburg Area, Shippensburg Area, South Middleton, West
26 Shore, Upper Dauphin Area, Millersburg Area, Middletown Area,
27 Central Dauphin, Lower Dauphin, Steelton Highspire, Halifax
28 Area, Susquehanna Township, Derry Township, Harrisburg City,
29 West Perry, Susquenita, Newport, Greenwood and Northern York
30 County.

1 Intermediate Service Unit No. 16: Benton Area, Berwick Area,
2 Bloomsburg Area, Central Columbia, Millville Area, Southern
3 Columbia Area, Danville Area, Warrior Run, Milton Area,
4 Shikellamy, Line Mountain, Shamokin Area, Mount Carmel Area,
5 Adams Township, Beavertown Borough, Center Township, Chapman
6 Township, Franklin Township, Freeburg Borough, Jackson Township,
7 Middleburg Borough, Middlecreek Township, Monroe Township, Penn
8 Township, Perry Township, Selinsgrove Borough, Shamokin Dam
9 Borough, Spring Township, Union Township, Washington Township,
10 West Beaver Township, West Perry Township, Lewisburg Area, and
11 Mifflinburg Area.

12 Intermediate Service Unit No. 17: Towanda Area, Northeast
13 Bradford, Wyalusing Area, Canton, Troy Area, Athens Area, Sayre
14 Area, East Lycoming, Muncy, Montgomery Area, Montoursville Area,
15 South Williamsport Area, Williamsport Area, Jersey Shore Area,
16 Loyalsock Township, Sullivan County, Northern Tioga, Southern
17 Tioga and Wellsboro Area.

18 Intermediate Service Unit No. 18: Ashley Borough, Northwest
19 Area, Lake Lehman, Bear Creek Township, Dallas, Wyoming Area,
20 Buck Township, Pittston Area, Wyoming Valley West, Greater
21 Nanticoke Area, Hazleton Area, Dennison Township, Dorrance
22 Township, Fairview Township, Hanover Township, Laflin Borough,
23 Laurel Run Borough, Nuangola Borough, Plains Township, Rice
24 Township, Slocum Township, Sugar Notch Borough, Warrior Run
25 Borough, White Haven Borough, Wilkes Barre City, Wilkes Barre
26 Township, Wright Township and Tunkhannock Area.

27 Intermediate Service Unit No. 19: Scranton City, Abington
28 Heights, Dunmore Borough, Archbald Borough, Riverside, North
29 Pocono, Blakely Borough, Old Forge Borough, Carbondale City,
30 Carbondale Township, Dickson City Borough, Fell Township,

1 Greenfield Township, Jermyn Borough, Jessup Borough, Mayfield
2 Borough, Olyphant Borough, Scott Township, Throop Borough, Blue
3 Ridge, Elk Lake, Forest City Regional, Montrose Area, Mountain
4 View, Susquehanna Community, Blooming Grove Township, Buckingham
5 Township, Canaan Township, Clinton Township, Damascus Township,
6 Dreher Township, Greene Township, Hawley Borough, Honesdale
7 Union, Lackawaxen Township, Lake Township, Manchester Township,
8 Palmyra Township, Palmyra Township Pike, Paupack Township,
9 Preston Township, South Canaan Township, Salem Township, Scott
10 Township, Sterling Township, Waymart Borough, White Mills
11 Independent and Lackawanna Trail.

12 Intermediate Service Unit No. 20: Pleasant Valley, Pocono
13 Mountain, East Stroudsburg Area, Stroudsburg Area, Bangor Area,
14 Pen Argyl Area, Nazareth Area, Northampton Area, Saucon Valley,
15 Bethlehem Area, Easton City, Forks Township, Lower Mt. Bethel
16 Independent, Palmer Township, Riegelsville Borough, Williams
17 Township, Wilson Borough Union and Delaware Valley.

18 Intermediate Service Unit No. 21: Palmerton Area, Lehigh
19 Area, Jim Thorpe Area, Panther Valley, Weatherly Area, Allentown
20 City, Catasauqua, East Penn, Northern Lehigh, Northwestern
21 Lehigh, Parkland, Salisbury Township, Southern Lehigh and
22 Whitehall Coplay.

23 Intermediate Service Unit No. 22: Palisades, Quakertown
24 Community, Pennridge, Central Bucks, Council Rock, Centennial,
25 Neshaminy, Pennsbury, Morrisville Borough, Bristol Township,
26 Bristol Borough, Bensalem Township and New Hope Solebury.

27 Intermediate Service Unit No. 23: Upper Moreland Township,
28 Abington, Jenkintown, Bryn Athyn Borough, Cheltenham Township,
29 Springfield Township, Collegeville Borough, Lower Merion,
30 Colonial Wissahickon, Upper Dublin, Hatboro Horsham, North Penn,

1 Norristown Area, Upper Merion Area, Spring Ford Area, Souderton
2 Area, Upper Perkiomen, Pottstown, Pottsgrove, Lower Moreland
3 Township, Lower Providence Township, Schwenksville Union,
4 Skippack Township, Trappe Borough and Worcester Township.

5 Intermediate Service Unit No. 24: Owen J. Roberts, Oxford
6 Area, Phoenixville Area, Downingtown Area, Coatesville Area,
7 Octorara Area, Charlestown Township, West Chester Area,
8 Unionville Chadds Ford, Kennett Consolidated, Avon Grove, East
9 Whiteland Township, Easttown Township, Malvern Borough,
10 Tredyffrin Township and Willistown Township.

11 Intermediate Service Unit No. 25: Radnor Township, Aldan
12 Borough, Haverford Township, Bethel Township, Ridley, Marple
13 Newtown, Rose Tree Media, Chester Heights Borough, Chester City,
14 Chichester, Chester Township, Clifton Heights Borough,
15 Collingdale Borough, Colwyn Borough, Concord Township, Darby
16 Borough, Darby Township, East Lansdowne Borough, Folcroft
17 Borough, Glenolden Borough, Lansdowne Borough, Milbourne
18 Borough, Morton Borough, Nether Providence Township, Norwood
19 Borough, Penn Delco Union, Prospect Park Borough, Sharon Hill
20 Borough, Springfield Township, Swarthmore Rutledge Union,
21 Tinicum Township, Upland Borough, Upper Darby Township and
22 Yeadon Borough.

23 Intermediate Service Unit No. 26: Philadelphia City.

24 Intermediate Service Unit No. 27: Ambridge Area Merged, Baden
25 Economy Union, Beaver Area, Western Beaver County Area, Midland
26 Borough, Beaver Falls Area, Aliquippa Borough, Big Beaver
27 Borough, Center Township, Freedom Area, Chippewa Township,
28 Rochester Area, New Brighton Area, Northeastern Beaver County,
29 Darlington Borough, Darlington Township, Enon Valley Borough,
30 Frankfort Springs Borough, Georgetown Borough, Greene Township,

1 Hanover Township, Harmony Township, Homewood Borough, Hookstown
2 Borough, Hopewell Township, Independence Township, Koppel
3 Borough, Monaca Borough, New Galilee Borough, Patterson Heights
4 Borough, Patterson Township, Potter Township, Raccoon Township,
5 Shippingport Borough, South Beaver Township, West Mayfield
6 Borough.

7 Intermediate Service Unit No. 28: Armstrong, Apollo Borough,
8 Buffalo Township, Freeport Borough, Kiskiminetas Township,
9 Leechburg Union, North Apollo Borough, South Buffalo Township,
10 United, Blairsville, Saltsburg, Homer Center, Penns Manor Area,
11 Indiana Area, Purchase Line, Marion Center Area, Jacksonville
12 Borough, West Lebanon Independent, and Young Township.

13 Intermediate Service Unit No. 29: Pine Grove Area, Williams
14 Valley, Tri Valley, Blue Mountain, Schuylkill Haven Area,
15 Minersville Area, Pottsville Area, Saint Clair Area, North
16 Schuylkill, Mahanoy Area, Tamaqua Area, Shenandoah Valley.

17 Section 903-A. Transfer of Membership.--Any school district
18 may apply for transfer from one intermediate service unit to
19 another intermediate service unit with which its boundaries are
20 contiguous by submitting a written request for such transfer to
21 the State Board of Education, along with reasons for requesting
22 such transfer and with the written approval or disapproval of
23 all school districts within the intermediate service unit of
24 which the school district is a member and all school districts
25 within the intermediate service unit to which it wishes to
26 transfer. If the State Board of Education approves the transfer,
27 it shall be effective the following July 1. In no event shall a
28 transfer be made without the approval of all the school
29 districts within all intermediate service units involved in said
30 transfer.

1 Section 904-A. Merger of Intermediate Service Units.--Two or
2 more intermediate service units may, with the approval of a
3 majority of the members of each intermediate service unit board
4 of directors and all school districts within each intermediate
5 service unit, submit a written request to the State Board of
6 Education for consolidation. If the State Board of Education
7 approves such consolidation, it shall be effective the following
8 July 1.

9 Section 905-A. Regulations.--The State Board of Education
10 shall adopt such regulations as it deems necessary to guide the
11 organization and operation of intermediate service units and to
12 provide procedures for amendment of the State plan of
13 intermediate service units.

14 Section 906-A. Program of Services.--From July 1, 1971 to
15 June 30, 1972, intermediate service units shall provide
16 essential services formerly provided by county boards of school
17 directors, collect and analyze informational data and adopt the
18 program of services to be provided by the intermediate service
19 unit. On or before May 1, 1971, and annually thereafter, each
20 intermediate service unit shall submit a program of services for
21 the next school year to the [Superintendent of Public
22 Instruction] Secretary of Education for budgetary approval. Such
23 program of services shall be developed and submitted in
24 accordance with law, as hereinafter provided.

25 Section 907-A. Subsidies for Services.--Intermediate service
26 units shall receive subsidies from the Commonwealth as herein
27 provided only for services performed pursuant to and authorized
28 by law, as hereinafter provided. Nothing contained herein shall
29 prohibit intermediate service units from receiving funds from
30 school districts and other sources including nonpublic nonprofit

1 schools and expending such funds to provide additional services
2 not included in the approved program of services.

3 Section 908-A. Special Pupil Services.--All powers and
4 duties of county boards of school directors with respect to
5 special pupil services are hereby transferred to intermediate
6 service unit boards of directors, effective July 1, 1971, and
7 all Commonwealth payments theretofore paid to county boards of
8 school directors on account of special pupil services shall
9 thereafter be paid to intermediate service unit boards of
10 directors.

11 Section 909-A. Vocational-Technical Education.--All powers
12 and duties of county boards of school directors with respect to
13 vocational-technical education are hereby transferred to
14 intermediate service unit boards of directors, effective July 1,
15 1971; and all Commonwealth payments theretofore paid to county
16 boards of school directors on account of vocational-technical
17 education shall thereafter be paid to intermediate service unit
18 boards of directors.

19 Section 910-A. Intermediate Service Unit Board of
20 Directors.--(a) Each intermediate service unit board of
21 directors shall be composed of thirteen members, chosen for
22 terms of three years from among members of the boards of school
23 directors of school districts comprising the intermediate
24 service unit. An intermediate service unit director may succeed
25 himself for two additional terms. Unless there are fewer than
26 thirteen school districts in an intermediate service unit, at no
27 time shall more than one director from any school district be
28 elected to an intermediate service unit board of directors.
29 Where there are fewer than thirteen school districts within an
30 intermediate service unit, there shall be at least one school

1 director from each school district elected to the intermediate
2 service unit board of directors. The election of intermediate
3 service unit boards of directors shall be by proportionate
4 ballot, and each school director of each school district within
5 an intermediate service unit shall be entitled to cast votes
6 determined by dividing the weighted average daily membership of
7 the school district by the total weighted average daily
8 membership within the intermediate service unit, multiplying the
9 quotient so obtained by one thousand, dividing the product so
10 obtained by thirteen, and rounding such dividend to the nearest
11 whole number: Provided, however, That each school director shall
12 have at least one vote. The [Superintendent of Public
13 Instruction] Secretary of Education shall annually, not later
14 than the first day of February, certify the weighted average
15 daily membership for the previous school year for each school
16 district and for each intermediate service unit, and shall
17 compute the number of votes to which each school director of
18 each school district within an intermediate service unit shall
19 be entitled.

20 (b) Except for the initial election, directors shall be
21 elected annually in April by convention of the school directors
22 of the school districts comprising an intermediate service unit
23 as follows: five every third year, four each other year.
24 Intermediate service unit boards of directors shall organize
25 annually in July.

26 (c) The initial election of directors shall be held between
27 the effective date of this act and January 15, 1971; and
28 thirteen directors shall be elected for terms to begin on
29 January 15, 1971, to expire for four directors on June 30, 1972,
30 for four directors on June 30, 1973 and for five directors on

1 June 30, 1974. From the date of election to July 1, 1971 the
2 directors elected initially shall serve as intermediate service
3 unit planning committees to plan for the operations of
4 intermediate service units commencing July 1, 1971.

5 (d) Vacancies on an intermediate service unit board of
6 directors shall be filled by appointment by majority vote of the
7 remaining intermediate service unit directors. A director so
8 appointed shall serve until the annual convention, at which time
9 the convention shall elect a director to serve the unexpired
10 portion of the term. An intermediate service unit director
11 elected to fill a vacancy may succeed himself for three
12 additional terms. Vacancies shall occur upon the death,
13 resignation, or removal of an intermediate service unit
14 director, or when he no longer holds office as a school
15 director. In the event vacancies exist or occur in the
16 membership of all of the members of an intermediate service unit
17 board of directors, a special convention, called by the
18 [Superintendent of Public Instruction] Secretary of Education,
19 shall be held of school directors of the school districts
20 comprising the intermediate service unit for the purpose of
21 electing directors to fill the vacancies.

22 (e) Any member of an intermediate service unit board of
23 directors may be removed in the same manner and for the same
24 cause as provided by law for removal of members of boards of
25 school directors.

26 (f) Elections of intermediate service unit directors and the
27 organization of intermediate service unit boards of directors
28 shall be conducted in accordance with regulations adopted by the
29 State Board of Education.

30 (g) In the case of an intermediate service unit comprised of

1 a single school district, the board of education of the school
2 district shall be the intermediate service unit board of
3 directors.

4 Section 911-A. Annual Conventions.--The executive director
5 of each intermediate service unit shall call a convention to be
6 held annually in April for the purpose of electing members to
7 the intermediate service unit board of directors, approval of
8 the budget of the intermediate service unit by a majority of
9 votes of the directors present and voting and for the
10 consideration and discussion of matters pertaining to the
11 improvement of education in the public schools within the
12 intermediate service unit and such other business as may
13 properly come before the convention. The executive director
14 shall at least one week prior to such annual convention furnish
15 each director of each district comprising the unit with a
16 printed copy of the budget proposed for adoption. In addition,
17 the intermediate service unit board of directors may call into
18 special convention the school directors of all school districts
19 within an intermediate service unit at any time for the
20 consideration of business which may properly come before a
21 special convention. On petition of a majority of the school
22 directors of all school districts within the unit for a special
23 convention for a stated purpose relating to proper business of
24 the intermediate service unit, the intermediate service unit
25 board of directors shall call into special convention the school
26 directors of all school districts within the unit for
27 consideration of such stated purpose. Notice to each such
28 district director shall be given at least five days prior to
29 such special convention.

30 Section 912-A. Election of Officers.--(a) During the month

1 of July, 1971, each intermediate service unit board of directors
2 shall elect a president and a vice president from among its
3 members, a secretary and a treasurer, who need not be members.
4 The treasurer may be any corporation duly qualified and legally
5 authorized to transact a fiduciary business in the Commonwealth.

6 (b) Before entering upon his duties, the treasurer shall
7 furnish a bond in an amount and with surety or sureties as the
8 intermediate service unit board of directors shall approve,
9 conditioned upon the faithful performance of his duties. The
10 cost of the bond shall be paid out of the funds of the
11 intermediate service unit. No bond shall be required where a
12 bank or trust company serves as treasurer.

13 (c) Not later than January 15, 1971, each intermediate
14 service unit planning committee shall elect officers in the
15 manner provided herein, to serve until the election of officers
16 in July, 1971.

17 Section 913-A. Staff.--(a) The staff of an intermediate
18 service unit shall consist of an executive director and such
19 assistant executive directors, program specialists, and other
20 personnel as the intermediate service unit board of directors
21 deems necessary to employ. In the case of an intermediate
22 service unit comprised of a single school district, the district
23 superintendent shall serve as executive director of the
24 intermediate service unit. His salary shall not be charged to
25 the intermediate service unit budget; and, the salary of his
26 assistants shall be charged to the intermediate service unit
27 budget only to the extent that such assistants are engaged in
28 providing approved intermediate service unit services as
29 determined by the executive director.

30 (b) An executive director shall be appointed by each

1 intermediate service unit board of directors for a term of four
2 years: Provided, That the initial term shall commence July 1,
3 1971 and terminate June 30, 1974: And, provided further,
4 however, That each intermediate service unit planning committee
5 may employ an executive director-elect to serve prior to July 1,
6 1971. An executive director shall hold a commission issued by
7 the [Superintendent of Public Instruction] Secretary of
8 Education, in accordance with regulations adopted by the State
9 Board of Education.

10 (c) Assistant executive directors may be appointed by each
11 intermediate service unit board of directors upon recommendation
12 of the executive director for a term of four years: Provided,
13 That the initial term shall commence July 1, 1971, and terminate
14 June 30, 1974: And provided further, however, That each
15 intermediate service unit planning committee may employ
16 assistant executive directors-elect upon recommendation of the
17 executive director-elect to serve prior to July 1, 1971. An
18 assistant executive director shall hold a commission issued by
19 the [Superintendent of Public Instruction] Secretary of
20 Education, in accordance with regulations adopted by the State
21 Board of Education.

22 (d) All persons holding a commission for the office of
23 county superintendent or assistant county superintendent valid
24 for the term of office beginning July 1966, shall be eligible
25 for election to the office of executive director or assistant
26 executive director in 1971, and, if elected to either office,
27 shall remain eligible for election or reelection to either
28 office thereafter.

29 (e) All professional and temporary professional employees of
30 an intermediate service unit shall have the same rights of

1 tenure, minimum salaries and increments, leaves of absence
2 because of illness, professional study or physical disability,
3 sabbatical leaves, military leaves and exchange teacher leaves
4 as professional and temporary professional employees of school
5 districts.

6 (f) Program specialists shall satisfy minimum qualifications
7 adopted by the State Board of Education.

8 (g) All employees of an intermediate service unit shall be
9 eligible for and become members of the Public School Employees'
10 Retirement System of Pennsylvania, except that members of the
11 State Employees' Retirement System may elect to remain members of
12 such retirement system.

13 (h) All persons employed by an intermediate service unit
14 prior to July 1, 1971, other than the executive director and
15 assistant executive directors, shall be selected, as the need
16 arises, and to the extent such persons are available, from among
17 those persons who, on the effective date of this act, are
18 employed by or assigned to the offices of the county boards of
19 school directors replaced by the intermediate service unit.
20 Position placement and salaries shall be determined by an
21 intermediate service unit board of directors upon recommendation
22 of the executive director, who shall be guided by the program of
23 services to be offered by the intermediate service unit.

24 Section 914-A. Powers and Duties of the Intermediate Service
25 Unit Board of Directors.--An intermediate service unit board of
26 directors shall have the power and its duty shall be:

27 (1) To appoint an executive director and determine his
28 salary.

29 (2) To appoint assistant executive directors upon
30 recommendation of the executive director and determine their

1 salaries.

2 (3) To approve professional staff appointments made by the
3 executive director.

4 (4) To adopt employment policies for nonprofessional staff.

5 (5) To adopt a program of services. Each intermediate
6 service unit may provide, but shall, except as hereinafter
7 provided, be limited to, the following services; (i) curriculum
8 development and instructional improvement services; (ii)
9 educational planning services; (iii) instructional materials
10 services; (iv) continuing professional education services; (v)
11 pupil personnel services; (vi) State and Federal agency liaison
12 services, and (vii) management services. Each additional service
13 to be provided shall be first approved by a majority of all the
14 boards of school directors comprising the intermediate service
15 unit at a meeting called by the intermediate service unit board
16 of directors for the express purpose of approving or
17 disapproving any such additional service. Each intermediate
18 service unit may provide for the furnishing of any of the
19 services mentioned in this clause or elsewhere in this act to
20 nonpublic, nonprofit schools which schools are hereby authorized
21 to contract for and purchase services from intermediate service
22 units so as to participate in the intermediate program.

23 (6) To adopt and advertise the intermediate service unit
24 budget. The budget shall be approved by (i) at least a majority
25 of the school districts comprising the intermediate service
26 unit; and (ii) at least a majority of the proportionate votes of
27 all school directors present and voting in convention, and shall
28 be filed annually with the [Superintendent of Public
29 Instruction] Secretary of Education and advertised or notice
30 thereof given to the public in each of its component school

1 districts as required of local school district budgets by
2 section 687 of this act on or before the first day of May.
3 Budgeted expenditures shall be those expenditures classified as
4 current expenses, capital outlays, debt redemptions and outgoing
5 transfers according to the Manual of Accounting and Related
6 Financial Procedures for Pennsylvania School Systems and
7 amendments and supplements thereto published by the [Department
8 of Public Instruction] Department of Education.

9 (7) To provide for and conduct programs of services
10 authorized by the State Board of Education, including services
11 performed under contract with component school districts. Except
12 as otherwise provided by law, all powers and duties of county
13 boards of school directors in regard to classes and schools for
14 exceptional children, educational broadcasting, audio-visual
15 libraries, instructional materials centers, area technical
16 schools and area vocational-technical schools are hereby
17 transferred to and conferred upon intermediate service unit
18 boards of directors. An intermediate service unit may contract
19 with school districts to provide services on behalf of the
20 intermediate service unit.

21 (8) To contract for specialized services.

22 (9) To receive Federal, State, school district and other
23 moneys and expend the same to conduct programs of services.

24 (10) To designate one or more banks or bank and trust
25 companies as a depository or depositories for its funds. Each
26 such depository shall furnish a bond or collateral in lieu
27 thereof as is provided in the case of depositories of school
28 funds.

29 (11) To lease land, buildings and equipment.

30 (12) To employ a solicitor for such purposes as may be

1 required and fix his compensation.

2 (13) To select a name for the intermediate service unit,
3 which shall be filed with and approved by the [Superintendent of
4 Public Instruction] Secretary of Education.

5 (14) To consolidate and let combined bids for bulk
6 purchases.

7 (15) To perform such other duties as may be required by
8 regulation of the State Board of Education.

9 (16) To prepare and submit to the State Board for Vocational
10 Education proposals for arranging school districts of the
11 intermediate service unit into area vocational-technical
12 attendance areas or any revisions thereof. A school district in
13 an adjacent intermediate service unit may be included in such
14 proposed attendance area with the concurring approval of the
15 board of school directors of the school district and the
16 intermediate service unit to which it belongs.

17 (17) To coordinate transportation within the intermediate
18 service unit.

19 Section 915-A. Powers and Duties of Executive Director.--The
20 executive director of an intermediate service unit shall have
21 the power and his duty shall be:

22 (1) To administer the intermediate service unit program of
23 services.

24 (2) To appoint professional staff subject to the approval of
25 the intermediate service unit board of directors.

26 (3) To employ nonprofessional staff in accordance with
27 employment policies of the intermediate service unit board of
28 directors.

29 (4) To prepare the budget for adoption by the intermediate
30 service unit board of directors.

(5) To direct expenditures of funds within the budget or other authorizations of the intermediate service unit board of directors.

(6) To appoint such advisory groups as will assist the staff in providing programs of services for school districts.

(7) To provide the [Superintendent of Public Instruction] Secretary of Education with information, reports and services.

(8) To perform such other duties as may be required by the intermediate service unit board of directors and the regulations of the State Board of Education.

Section 916-A. Intermediate Service Unit Council.--Each intermediate service unit shall have an Intermediate Service Unit Council composed of all chief school administrators within the intermediate service unit, to be advisory to the executive director.

The executive director of the intermediate service unit shall serve as chairman of the Intermediate Service unit Council.

The Intermediate Service Unit Council shall meet at least five times each year and may meet at any other time upon the call of the executive director.

Section 917-A. Allocations.--In January 1971, and annually thereafter in January, the [Superintendent of Public Instruction] Secretary of Education shall allocate to each intermediate service unit a portion of the amount included in the Governor's budget for the succeeding fiscal year for the support of intermediate service units. The allocation shall be made in the following manner: (1) Determine for each intermediate service unit the total weighted average daily membership of all school districts comprising the intermediate service unit; (2) compute an aid ratio for each intermediate

1 service unit in the same manner as in the case of school
2 districts; (3) determine a weight factor for each intermediate
3 service unit by multiplying the total weighted average daily
4 membership of all school districts comprising the intermediate
5 service unit by the aid ratio of the intermediate service unit;
6 (4) determine a statewide value per weight factor by dividing
7 the amount provided in the Governor's budget for the succeeding
8 fiscal year for the support of intermediate service units by the
9 total weight factors of all intermediate service units within
10 the Commonwealth; and (5) determine the allocation to each
11 intermediate service unit by multiplying its weight factor by
12 the statewide value per weight factor: Provided, That no
13 intermediate service unit shall be allocated less than the
14 amount received during the 1968-1969 school year by the offices
15 of county superintendents of schools replaced by the
16 intermediate service unit from the Commonwealth and the
17 estimated value of assistance from the respective counties, as
18 determined by the [Department of Public Instruction] Secretary
19 of Education.

20 Section 918-A. General Operating Subsidy.--(a) On or before
21 the first day of May 1971, and annually thereafter, each
22 intermediate service unit shall submit to the [Superintendent of
23 Public Instruction] Secretary of Education for prior review and
24 approval, a budget estimating the cost of operating and
25 administering the intermediate service unit program of services
26 for the ensuing school year.

27 (b) In May 1971, and annually thereafter in May, the
28 [Superintendent of Public Instruction] Secretary of Education
29 shall estimate the amount to be paid by the Commonwealth to each
30 intermediate service unit based upon approved budgets. In July

1 1971, and annually thereafter in July, the Commonwealth shall
2 pay to each intermediate service unit an advance payment equal
3 to one-half of such estimated amount. In December 1971, the
4 Commonwealth shall pay to each intermediate service unit the
5 balance of such estimated amount. In December 1972, and annually
6 thereafter in December, the Commonwealth shall pay to each
7 intermediate service unit the balance of the State's share of
8 the budget approved for such school year, less any State funds
9 paid in the previous school year which were unexpended or
10 unencumbered at the end of the previous school year.

11 (c) In computing approved budget expenditures, the
12 [Superintendent of Public Instruction] Secretary of Education
13 shall not consider Federal payments and payments by the
14 Commonwealth on behalf of the Federal Government.

15 Section 919-A. Capital Subsidy.--All leases for office
16 space, classrooms, buses, garages, warehouse space, equipment
17 and similar facilities shall be pre-approved by the
18 [Superintendent of Public Instruction] Secretary of Education.
19 The Commonwealth shall pay to each intermediate service unit on
20 account of approved leases annually from funds appropriated for
21 such purposes an amount computed by applying the intermediate
22 service unit aid ratio to the approved lease payment. The aid
23 ratio computed initially shall apply as a minimum for the
24 duration of the lease.

25 Section 920-A. School District Payments.--(a) Where the
26 approved budget exceeds the allocation to the intermediate
27 service unit, each school district within the intermediate
28 service unit, shall contribute to the intermediate service unit
29 a share of the amount by which the budget exceeds the allocation
30 computed in the following manner: (1) Determine a weight factor

1 for each school district by multiplying the school district's
2 weighted average daily membership by the difference between
3 1.0000 and the school district's aid ratio; (2) determine a
4 value per weight factor for the intermediate service unit by
5 dividing the amount by which the budget exceeds the allocation
6 by the total weight factors of all school districts comprising
7 the intermediate service unit; and (3) determine each school
8 district's share by multiplying the value per weight factor by
9 the weight factor of the school district.

10 (b) Less than a majority of the school districts comprising
11 an intermediate service unit may contract with the intermediate
12 service unit for services to be provided for the contracting
13 school districts by the intermediate service unit, with the cost
14 of such services to be paid by the contracting school districts
15 in such manner as they may agree upon.

16 (c) If a school district desires to independently provide a
17 service that is included in the approved program of services to
18 be offered by an intermediate service unit, and the service is
19 to be financed solely by the school district, and if the
20 intermediate service unit board of directors determines that the
21 quality of such service is adequate and that such independent
22 action will not adversely affect the service to be offered to
23 the remaining districts by the intermediate service unit, the
24 intermediate service unit board of directors may relieve the
25 school district of payment for such service.

26 (d) Payments due from school districts to an intermediate
27 service unit shall be withheld by the Commonwealth from
28 subsidies payable to school districts during November and paid
29 to the intermediate service unit not later than January 1 each
30 year.

1 Section 921-A. Financial Reports.--An annual financial
2 report shall be submitted to the [Superintendent of Public
3 Instruction] Secretary of Education by each intermediate service
4 unit not later than the first day of October, together with an
5 auditor's report prepared by an independent auditor who shall be
6 a certified public accountant or other competent public
7 accountant.

8 Section 922-A. Auxiliary Services; Nonpublic School
9 Children.--(a) Legislative Finding; Declaration of Policy. The
10 welfare of the Commonwealth requires that the present and future
11 generations of school age children be assured ample opportunity
12 to develop to the fullest their intellectual capacities. To
13 further this objective, the Commonwealth provides, through tax
14 funds of the Commonwealth, auxiliary services free of charge to
15 children attending public schools within the Commonwealth.
16 Approximately one quarter of all children in the Commonwealth,
17 in compliance with the compulsory attendance provisions of this
18 act, attend nonpublic schools. Although their parents are
19 taxpayers of the Commonwealth, these children do not receive
20 auxiliary services from the Commonwealth. It is the intent of
21 the General Assembly by this enactment to assure the providing
22 of such auxiliary services in such a manner that every school
23 child in the Commonwealth will equitably share in the benefits
24 thereof.

25 (b) Definitions. The following terms, whenever used or
26 referred to in this section, shall have the following meanings,
27 except in those circumstances where the context clearly
28 indicates otherwise:

29 "Nonpublic school" means any school, other than a public
30 school within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, wherein a

1 resident of the Commonwealth may legally fulfill the compulsory
2 school attendance requirements of this act and which meet the
3 requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Public
4 Law 88-352).

5 "Auxiliary services" means guidance, counseling and testing
6 services; psychological services; services for exceptional
7 children; remedial and therapeutic services; speech and hearing
8 services; services for the improvement of the educationally
9 disadvantaged (such as, but not limited to, teaching English as
10 a second language), and such other secular, neutral, non-
11 ideological services as are of benefit to nonpublic school
12 children and are presently or hereafter provided for public
13 school children of the Commonwealth.

14 (c) Provision of Services. Pursuant to rules and
15 regulations established by the secretary, each intermediate
16 service unit shall provide auxiliary services to all children
17 who are enrolled in grades kindergarten through twelve in
18 nonpublic schools wherein the requirements of the compulsory
19 attendance provisions of this act may be met and which are
20 located within the area served by the intermediate service unit,
21 such auxiliary services to be provided in their respective
22 schools. The secretary shall each year apportion to each
23 intermediate service unit an amount equal to the cost of
24 providing such services but in no case shall the amount
25 apportioned be in excess of thirty dollars (\$30) per pupil
26 enrolled in nonpublic schools within the area served by the
27 intermediate service unit.

28 Section 923-A. Loan of Textbooks, Instructional Materials
29 and Equipment, Nonpublic School Children.--(a) Legislative
30 Findings; Declaration of Policy. The welfare of the Commonwealth

1 requires that the present and future generations of school age
2 children be assured ample opportunity to develop to the fullest
3 their intellectual capacities. To further this objective, the
4 Commonwealth provides, through tax funds of the Commonwealth,
5 textbooks and instructional materials free of charge to children
6 attending public schools within the Commonwealth. Approximately
7 one quarter of all children in the Commonwealth, in compliance
8 with the compulsory attendance provisions of this act, attend
9 nonpublic schools. Although their parents are taxpayers of the
10 Commonwealth, these children do not receive textbooks or
11 instructional materials from the Commonwealth. It is the intent
12 of the General Assembly by this enactment to assure such a
13 distribution of such educational aids that every school child in
14 the Commonwealth will equitably share in the benefits thereof.

15 (b) Definitions. The following terms, whenever used or
16 referred to in this section, shall have the following meanings,
17 except in those circumstances where the context clearly
18 indicates otherwise:

19 "Instructional equipment" means instructional equipment,
20 other than fixtures annexed to and forming part of the real
21 estate, which is suitable for and to be used by children and/or
22 teachers. The term includes but is not limited to projection
23 equipment, recording equipment, laboratory equipment, and any
24 other educational secular, neutral, non-ideological equipment as
25 may be of benefit to the instruction of nonpublic school
26 children and are presently or hereafter provided for public
27 school children of the Commonwealth.

28 "Instructional materials" means books, periodicals,
29 documents, pamphlets, photographs, reproductions, pictorial or
30 graphic works, musical scores, maps, charts, globes, sound

1 recordings, including but not limited to those on discs and
2 tapes, processed slides, transparencies, films, filmstrips,
3 kinescopes, and video tapes, or any other printed and published
4 materials of a similar nature made by any method now developed
5 or hereafter to be developed. The term includes such other
6 secular, neutral, non-ideological materials as are of benefit to
7 the instruction of nonpublic school children and are presently
8 or hereafter provided for public school children of the
9 Commonwealth.

10 "Nonpublic school" means any school, other than a public
11 school within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, wherein a
12 resident of the Commonwealth may legally fulfill the compulsory
13 school attendance requirements of this act and which meet the
14 requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Public
15 Law 88-352).

16 "Textbooks" means books, reusable workbooks, or manuals,
17 whether bound or in looseleaf form, intended for use as a
18 principal source of study material for a given class or group of
19 students, a copy of which is expected to be available for the
20 individual use of each pupil in such class or group. Such
21 textbooks shall be textbooks which are acceptable for use in any
22 public, elementary, or secondary school of the Commonwealth.

23 (c) Loan of Textbooks. The Secretary of Education directly,
24 or through the intermediate service units, shall have the power
25 and duty to purchase textbooks and, upon individual request, to
26 loan them to all children residing in the Commonwealth who are
27 enrolled in grades kindergarten through twelve of a nonpublic
28 school wherein the requirements of the compulsory attendance
29 provisions of this act may be met. Such textbooks shall be
30 loaned free to such children subject to such rules and

1 regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of Education.

2 (d) Purchase of Books. The secretary shall not be required
3 to purchase or otherwise acquire textbooks, pursuant to this
4 section, the total cost of which, in any school year, shall
5 exceed an amount equal to ten dollars (\$10) multiplied by the
6 number of children residing in the Commonwealth who on the first
7 day of October of such school year are enrolled in grades
8 kindergarten through twelve of a nonpublic school within the
9 Commonwealth in which the requirements of the compulsory
10 attendance provisions of this act may be met.

11 (e) Purchase of Instructional Materials and Equipment.
12 Pursuant to requests from the appropriate nonpublic school
13 official on behalf of nonpublic school pupils, the Secretary of
14 Education shall have the power and duty to purchase directly, or
15 through the intermediate service units, or otherwise acquire,
16 and to loan to such nonpublic schools, instructional materials
17 and equipment, useful to the education of such children, the
18 total cost of which, in any school year, shall be an amount
19 equal to but not more than twenty-five dollars (\$25) multiplied
20 by the number of children residing in the Commonwealth who on
21 the first day of October of such school year, are enrolled in
22 grades kindergarten through twelve of a nonpublic school in
23 which the requirements of the compulsory attendance provisions
24 of this act may be met.

25 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.