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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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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," in duties and powers of boards of  
6 school directors, further providing for additional schools  
7 and departments.

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

10 Section 1. Section 502 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30,  
11 No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, amended May 9,  
12 1949 (P.L.939, No.263), is amended to read:

13 Section 502. Additional Schools and Departments.--In  
14 addition to the elementary public schools, the board of school  
15 directors in any school district may establish, equip, furnish,  
16 and maintain the following additional schools or departments for  
17 the education and recreation of persons residing in said  
18 district, and for the proper operation of its schools, namely:--

19 High schools,

20 Trade schools,

1 Vocational schools,  
2 Technical schools,  
3 Cafeterias,  
4 Agricultural schools,  
5 Evening schools,  
6 Kindergartens,  
7 Libraries,  
8 Museums,  
9 Reading-rooms,  
10 Gymnasiums,  
11 Playgrounds,  
12 Schools for physically and mentally handicapped,  
13 Truant schools,  
14 Parental schools,  
15 Schools for adults,  
16 Public lectures,  
17 Such other schools or educational departments as the  
18 directors, in their wisdom, may see proper to establish.

19 Said additional schools or departments, when established,  
20 shall be an integral part of the public school system in such  
21 school district and shall be so administered.

22 No pupil shall be refused admission to the courses in these  
23 additional schools or departments, by reason of the fact that  
24 his elementary or academic education is being or has been  
25 received in a [school] manner other than through enrollment in a  
26 public school.

27 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.