

## 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 kindergartens.

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

9 Section 1. Section 503 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30,  
10 No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended to  
11 read:

12 Section 503. Kindergartens.--(a) The board of school  
13 directors in any school district may establish and maintain  
14 kindergartens for children between the ages of four and six  
15 years. When established, the kindergartens shall be an integral  
16 part of the elementary school system of the district, and be  
17 kept open for not less than two and one-half hours each day for  
18 the full school term as provided in section 1501.

19 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the

1 contrary, each kindergarten class shall have no more than 20  
2 students.

3 (c) The number of kindergartens in any one district shall be  
4 fixed by the board of school directors, and shall be open during  
5 the school year.

6 (d) If the average attendance in any one kindergarten in any  
7 district is ten or less for the school year, the school  
8 directors shall, at the close of the school year, discontinue  
9 the same.

10 (e) The board of school directors shall appoint and assign a  
11 sufficient number of teachers to such kindergartens, who shall  
12 be certified in accordance with the rules and regulations  
13 prescribed by the Council of Basic Education.

14 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.