

## CHAPTER 288—H. F. No. 815

*An act to amend Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 2764; Section 3028 as amended by Laws of 1933, Chapter 224; Section 3029; Section 3030; and Section 3031, relating to special state aid to public schools.*

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. **Aid to public schools.**—That Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 2764 be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

"2764. Consolidated schools shall receive annually the amount reasonably expended for the transportation of pupils, but not to exceed the amount provided for in section 2 of *this act*.

Every school located in a consolidated district shall be classified under one of the following heads: (1) Ungraded elementary, (2) graded elementary, (3) four-year high school, (4) high school department, (5) junior high school, (6) senior high school, or (7) *six-year high school*, and every such school shall possess all the rights and privileges of the rank and class which it has attained and shall be entitled to state aid according to such rank and class.

Sec. 2. **Transportation of pupils.**—That Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 3028, Laws of 1933, Chapter 224, be and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

"3028. (1) For transportation or board of resident pupils in consolidated school districts, the state shall reimburse such districts at rates to be determined by the State Board of Education, provided that no consolidated school district shall receive annually more than *an average of thirty-six dollars (\$36) per pupil transported or boarded*.

(2) All the provisions of this act relating to state aid to counties shall be equally applicable to the unorganized territory of any county and also to all school districts of ten or more townships.

(3) For the tuition of non-resident high school pupils, the state shall pay to the school district furnishing such high school instruction at the rate of seven dollars (\$7.00) per school month, or major fraction thereof, for each such non-resident pupil, for not to exceed ten (10) months in any school year, provided, (1) that high school instruction shall mean instruction for pupils who have completed the eight years of the elementary course; (2) that such tuition shall be paid by

the state only in so far as any pupil's residence district does not give high school instruction, but this provision shall not apply to non-resident high school pupils residing in unorganized territory, *in ten or more township school districts, or in county school districts*; and (3) that the state apportionment for any such non-resident high school pupils shall be paid to the school district in which such non-resident pupils attend a high school.

(4) Any school district or unorganized territory may receive aid for the purchase of library books *not to exceed one-half the amount expended or fifty cents (\$50) per pupil in average daily attendance during the preceding year for five hundred (500) pupils, nor to exceed one-fourth the amount expended or twenty-five cents (\$.25) per additional pupil in average daily attendance during the preceding year in such school district or unorganized territory.*

(5) For assisting in providing for the school attendance of isolated pupils.

The State Board of Education, at its discretion and under such rules as it may adopt, may assist school districts or the county board of education for unorganized territory in any county, in providing for the transportation or board of such children of school age as reside beyond reasonable walking distance from the nearest public school. To this end, the State Board may grant to such school districts not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50) annually for each such pupil transported or boarded".

Sec. 3. State aid.—That Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 3029, be and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

"3029. (1) For each graded elementary school of eight school years with a school year of at least nine months, the state shall pay a school district *four hundred dollars (\$400)* annually.

(2) For each graded elementary school of six school years with a school year of at least nine months, the state shall pay a school district *three hundred dollars (\$300)* annually.

(3) For each ungraded elementary school with a school year of at least eight months, the state shall pay a school district one hundred dollars (\$100) for each first grade teacher employed and *seventy-five dollars (\$75)* for each second grade teacher employed; provided that the total of such aid for an

ungraded elementary school shall in no case exceed *two hundred dollars (\$200)*, and *provided further that such classification aid when added to the funds received by a school district as apportionment together with the proceeds of a five mill tax for maintenance shall not exceed the total maintenance cost of the schools in such school district.*

(4) For each four-year high school with a school year of at least nine months, the state shall pay a school district *five hundred dollars (\$500)* annually.

(5) For each high school department with a school year of at least nine months, the state shall pay a school district annually *three hundred dollars (\$300)*.

(6) For each junior high school with a school year of at least nine months, the state shall pay a school district *three hundred dollars (\$300)* annually.

(7) For each senior high school with a school year of at least nine months, the state shall pay a school district *three hundred dollars (\$300)* annually.

(8) *For each six year high school with a school year of at least nine months, the state shall pay a school district six hundred dollars (\$600) annually."*

**Sec. 4. Who may receive state aid.**—That Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 3030, be and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

"3030. School districts which receive aid under the provisions of this section *shall* be limited to those whose tax levy for maintenance only *is thirty (30) mills or more or the maximum legal rate.* To any school district in which a tax levy of *thirty (30) mills or the maximum legal rate on the district's assessed valuation together with all funds received from the state as apportionment or special state aid except Transportation Aid does not equal sixty (\$60) for each resident pupil who shall have been in average daily attendance during the preceding year in an elementary school, and one hundred dollars (\$100) for each resident high school pupil and each non-resident high school pupil for whom the state pays tuition, who shall have been in average daily attendance during the preceding year in a classified high school the state shall pay as supplemental aid an amount which, together with the proceeds of a thirty (30) mill tax or the maximum legal rate, and all money received from the state as apportionment or special state aid, except transportation aid, will equal sixty dollars (\$60) for each resident pupil who shall have been in*

*average daily attendance during the preceding year in an elementary school, and one hundred dollars (\$100) for each resident high school pupil and each non-resident high school pupil for whom the state pays tuition, who shall have been in average daily attendance during the preceding year in a classified high school. In any school district or unorganized territory in which a tax of thirty (30) mills or the maximum legal rate together with all funds received from the state as apportionment or special state aid, except transportation aid, does not equal one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per classroom unit the State Board of Education may, at its discretion grant sufficient additional supplemental aid to bring the total funds available for school maintenance equivalent to one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each classroom unit. Provided, however, that the supplemental aid paid under this section, when added to all other funds received from the state as apportionment or special state aid and to the proceeds of a thirty (30) mill tax or the legal maximum tax for maintenance shall not exceed the total maintenance costs of the schools in any school district nor such maximum figure per classroom unit as may be determined by the State Board of Education. Provided, however, that any school district receiving aid under the provisions of Chapter 143, Laws of 1931, shall receive, in addition to such aid, supplemental aid which shall not be less per pupil in average daily attendance than such district has been granted on the average since the year 1931.*

**Sec. 5. Basis of aid.**—That Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 3031, be and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

**"3031. (1)** For established undertakings, state aid shall be granted to school districts on the basis of the number of special teachers employed, enrollment in classes and type of work done, and all under such rules as may be established by the State Board of Education. In school districts maintaining junior and senior high schools, such state aid shall be granted for either a junior or a senior high school, but not for both.

(a) For agriculture state aid to any school district for each school within the district maintaining such work shall not exceed *five* hundred dollars (\$500).

(b) For general industrial training state aid to any school district for each school within the district maintaining such work shall not exceed *four* hundred dollars (\$400).

(c) For home training state aid to any school district for each school within the district maintaining such work shall not exceed *four* hundred dollars (\$400).

(d) For commercial training state aid to any school district for each school within the district maintaining such work shall not exceed *four* hundred dollars (\$400).

(e) For special classes for defectives. Under such rules as the State Board of Education may establish, the state shall pay annually to any school district for the education of defective children the following amounts:

(a) For deaf children, two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for each such child, who is enrolled in a day school and who is a resident of a district maintaining such school, and four hundred dollars (\$400) for each child who is a non-resident of the district maintaining such school and whose resident district does not maintain such school; the additional one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) to be paid for board and room of such non-resident child.

(b) For blind children, three hundred dollars (\$300) for each such child.

(c) For subnormal children one hundred dollars (\$100) for each such child.

(d) For children with defective speech, not to exceed fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500) for each teacher engaged exclusively in this work.

(e) For crippled children, two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for each such child.

(2) For educational work not yet generally established.

(a) For stimulating progress and achievement in ungraded elementary schools, the State Board of Education shall adopt standards for a superior ungraded school. Such standards shall be based upon the length of the school term, qualification of teachers, regular school attendance and a curriculum adapted to present day needs, including health work. School districts meeting these standards shall receive, in addition to all other state aid, not to exceed *fifty* dollars (\$50) for each such school maintained.

(b) For evening schools for persons over sixteen years of age and not in attendance upon regular day schools, the state shall pay to any school district maintaining such schools in accordance with requirements established by the State Board of Education, one-half the salaries of all teachers who

teach in such evening schools; and districts maintaining such evening schools shall also be entitled to state apportionment for all pupils of school age upon the same basis as that provided by law for day school pupils."

**Sec. 6. Law repealed.**—That Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 3036-6, be and the same hereby is repealed.

**Sec. 7. Teachers training and tuition.**—That Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 3036-7 be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

"3036-7. State aid for teacher training in high schools and state aid for the tuition of non-resident high school pupils shall be distributed and paid in the amounts now provided in Chapter 467, Laws 1921, *provided, however, that the aid for any such teacher training department shall not exceed fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500) annually, and provided further that aid for transportation of crippled children shall be paid as provided by Laws 1931, Chapter 280.*"

**Sec. 8. Transfer of funds to meet appropriation.**—That Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Sections 3036-8 and 3036-9, be and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

"3036-8. If the amount appropriated for the payment of said special state aids shall be insufficient in any year to pay the same as herein provided in full, the state auditor shall transfer from the Current School Fund an amount sufficient, together with the amount so appropriated for said year, to pay said special state aids as herein provided in full. Provided, however, that not more than \$500,000 shall be so transferred from the Current School Fund in any one year.

"3036-9. If the amount appropriated and the amount transferred, as provided in Section 8 hereof, shall be insufficient in any year to pay said special state aids as herein provided in full, the same shall be equally prorated among the school districts entitled to receive such aids, and the pro rata amounts so received shall be accepted as payment in full of all obligations of the state to pay said aids for such year; *provided, however, that this shall not apply to aids listed in Section 7 hereof.*"

**Sec. 10. Effective September 1, 1935.** —This act shall take effect and be in force from and after September 1, 1935.

Approved April 24, 1935.