

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 23, 1915.

CHAPTER 296—H. F. No. 1086.

An Act to provide state aid for public schools and for the method of its distribution.

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

Section 1. **State funds created for aid to public schools.**—For the purpose of aid to public schools there shall be established the following state funds:

(a) The Endowment Fund, which shall consist of the income on the permanent school fund.

(b) The Annual Fund, which shall consist of the sums appropriated by the legislature for special aid to public schools or departments in the schools.

(c) The Current School Fund, which shall consist of the amount derived from the state one mill tax.

Sec. 2. **Board of education to distribute funds.**—The state board of education shall distribute the annual funds and any other sums appropriated by the state to schools and libraries, in such manner and upon such conditions as will enable them to perform efficiently the services required by law, and to further the educational interests of the state. To this end the state board shall have power to fix the requirements for receiving and sharing in the state aid.

Sec. 3. **Endowment fund to be distributed semi-annually.**—The endowment fund shall be distributed semi-annually to school districts whose schools have been in session at least six months, in proportion to the number of scholars of school age who have attended school at least forty (40) days during the preceding year.

The annual funds shall be distributed as follows:

Sec. 4. **Annual distribution.**—Rural schools in session at least eight months, shall receive one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) for each teacher holding a first class certificate. Rural schools in session at least seven months annually shall receive one hundred dollars (\$100) for each teacher holding a second class certificate.

Sec. 5. **Amount to be received by graded schools.**—A graded school in session at least nine months in the year shall receive six hundred dollars (\$600) and an additional one hundred dollars (\$100) for each grade teacher employed in excess of four, counting the principal as a teacher.

A graded school may receive an additional two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) for each high school teacher.

The total aid to a graded school on this basis shall not exceed thirteen hundred dollars (\$1,300).

No graded school in the same district with an aided high school shall receive annual aid. This provision shall not apply to districts of ten or more townships.

Sec. 6. Amount to be received by high schools.—A high school in session at least nine months in the year shall receive annually eighteen hundred dollars (\$1,800).

Sec. 7. Additional amounts to be received for agricultural and other departments.—High, graded or consolidated schools, maintaining courses in agriculture, home training (including cooking and sewing), manual training, or commercial training, shall receive one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for the agricultural course, and six hundred dollars (\$600) for each course in home training (including cooking and sewing), manual training, and commercial training.

Aid to each of these departments shall not exceed the sums paid as salaries in the respective departments.

Sec. 8. Additional amounts to high schools maintaining training department for rural teachers.—High schools maintaining a department for training rural teachers shall receive annually twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200). A school employing more than one teacher in such department may receive not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000). A school employing more than two teachers in such department and in enrolling not less than fifty students, may receive not to exceed twenty-eight hundred dollars (\$2,800.00).

Sec. 9. Amounts to be received by consolidated schools.—Consolidated schools of class A shall receive annually five hundred dollars (\$500).

Consolidated schools of class B shall receive annually two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250).

In addition to this annual aid consolidated schools shall be reimbursed for the amount reasonably expended for transportation of pupils, not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000).

Districts providing school buildings for consolidated school purposes may be reimbursed up to one-fourth of the cost of such buildings, but not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000).

Sec. 10. Aid for libraries.—Each school shall receive in addition to other aid, library aid amounting to ten dollars (\$10) for each teacher employed, with a maximum of twenty-five dollars (\$25) to a building, provided the district appropriates a like amount for the same purpose.

Sec. 11. Other amounts to be allowed.—Districts whose local tax levy for maintenance of schools exceeds twenty mills (20)

in any year may receive in addition to other aid, one-third of the amount raised in excess of that received from the twenty (20) mill levy with a maximum of twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500) to each high school, eighteen hundred dollars (\$1,800) to each graded school, and to rural schools, two hundred dollars (\$200) for each teacher.

Sec. 12. Amount to be received by rural school associated with central school.—Rural school districts associated with a central school shall receive annually fifty dollars (\$50) on account of such association.

The central school with which a rural school or rural school district is associated for the purposes herein stated shall maintain departments in agriculture and such other industrial subjects as the state board of education may require, and shall receive annually two hundred dollars (\$200) for each such associated rural school or school district.

Sec. 13. Distribution of current school fund.—The current school fund shall be distributed to school districts as follows:

The state auditor shall set aside from the current school fund an amount not to exceed one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) each year for the following purposes:

(a) To assist any school district which does not maintain a state high or state graded school in maintaining its public schools, when a levy of fifteen (15) mills in such district does not raise five hundred dollars (\$500) for each school in session seven (7) months during the year.

The state board of education may expend not to exceed two hundred dollars (\$200) for each such school.

(b) To make up for any deficit which may arise in payment of the annual funds to schools, or to special departments in certain schools.

(c) To pay the tuition of non-resident pupils enrolled in the industrial departments of state high, graded, or consolidated rural schools which have been designated by the state board to maintain courses and instruction in agriculture, home training, (including cooking and sewing), manual training, and commercial training, and whose residence district does not provide courses and instruction of like kind.

Sec. 14. Tuition charges.—A high school student whose residence district provides high school courses of instruction shall not be entitled to free admission to the high school of any other district except by permission of the school board of such other district, or in accordance with the rules of the state board of education.

The rate of tuition shall be fixed by the state board of education, but not to exceed two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50)

per month for each non-resident pupil, nor more than nine (9) months in any school year.

No non-resident pupil shall be entitled to have any tuition made a charge against the state whose residence district furnishes courses and instruction in the industrial studies. Nor shall pupils from any associated district be counted for payment of tuition in the central school of the same district.

No tuition shall be charged any pupil, resident of this state, who is enrolled in the high school department of any state high or graded school, except in the industrial departments above specified.

The state board of education shall make proper rules relating to enrollment, attendance, rates of tuition, payment of the endowment and current funds, on account of such non-resident pupils.

Sec. 15. Distribution of balance.—The balance of the current school fund shall be distributed on the same basis and at the same time as the endowment fund.

Sec. 16. To be vested in state high school board under certain conditions.—In case the state board of education referred to in this act shall not be provided by law, the authority herein granted to such board will vest in the state high school board and the state superintendent of education in accordance with the provisions of existing law.

Sec. 17. Repealing clause.—All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 18. Date act takes effect.—This act shall take effect and be in force from and after August first, 1915.

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CHAPTER 297—H. F. No. 1158.

An Act to legalize certain amendments to city charters in certain cases and the acts of the officers thereunder.

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

Section 1. Amendments to city charter of Breckenridge legalized.—In any case in any city or village in this state where amendments to the city charter of any city or village operating under home rule charter have been prepared and filed with the chief magistrate or chief executive officer of said city or village by a number of persons, not less than that required by the law purporting to be a board of free holders and to have been appointed and to have acted under Section 36, Article 4 of the Constitution of this state, and the laws of this state enacted thereunder; and said amendments to such home rule charter have been actually submitted to the qualified voters of such city