

8. The furnishing of vaccine matter; the assembling, during epidemics of smallpox, with other persons not vaccinated. But no rule of the state board or of any public board or officer shall at any time compel the vaccination of a child, or shall exclude, except during epidemics of smallpox and when approved by the local board of education, a child from the public schools, for the reason that such child has not been vaccinated. Any person thus required to be vaccinated may select for said purpose any licensed physician, and no rule shall require the vaccination of any child whose physician shall certify that by reason of his physical condition vaccination would be dangerous;

9. The accumulation of filthy and unwholesome matter to the injury of the public health, and the removal thereof; and

10. The collection, recording, and reporting of vital statistics by public officers, and the furnishing of information to such officers, by physicians, undertakers, and others, of births, deaths, causes of death, and other pertinent facts.

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CHAPTER 346—H. F. No. 1176.

*An act to amend Sections 4146, 4150, 4151, 4152 and 4153, and to repeal Sections 4144, 4145 and 4149 of Chapter 26, General Statutes of Minnesota, 1913, relating to the management and control of the state schools for the deaf and blind.*

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

Section 1. State board of control to have given power for admitting persons to school for deaf and blind.—Section 4146, General Statutes, 1913, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

4146. Any deaf or blind resident of the state of suitable age and capacity for instruction, may be received, kept and taught therein, under such conditions as the state board of control may prescribe. He shall be provided by the person legally liable for his support with sufficient funds to furnish him with proper clothing, postage and transportation. If any such person be a pauper, or if the person legally liable for his support be unable to make these provisions for him, of which facts the certificate of the probate judge shall be prima facie evidence, the county in which he has a residence shall annually on or before October 1 pay to the superintendent of the school of which he is an inmate a sum not exceeding forty dollars to be fixed by the board. Such sum shall be used only for clothing, postage and transportation for the pupil. The superintendent, on August 1 of each year, shall render to the county auditor and to the board of directors a detailed account thereof.

Sec. 2. Certain children required to attend—excusing attendance—penalty—prosecution—blind children.—Section 4150, General Statutes, 1913, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

4150. Every parent, guardian or other person having control of any normal child between eight and twenty years of age, too deaf or too dumb or defective of speech to be materially benefited by the methods of instruction in vogue in the public schools, shall be required to send such child or youth to the school for the deaf at the city of Faribault, Minnesota, during the scholastic year of that school. Such child or youth shall attend such school, year after year, until discharged by the superintendent upon approval of the *state board of control*.

Such board may excuse the attendance when satisfied:

1. That the child is in such bodily or mental condition as to prevent his attendance at school or application to study for the period required.

2. That he is afflicted with such contagious or offensive disease or possesses such habits as to render his presence a menace to the health or morals of other pupils, or for any reason deemed good and sufficient by the superintendent with approval of the *state board of control*.

3. That the child is efficiently taught for the scholastic year in a private or other school, or by a private tutor, the branches taught in the public schools so far as possible.

Any such parent, guardian, or other person failing to comply with the foregoing section, shall, upon conviction thereof before a justice of the peace or other court, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be fined in a sum not less than five nor more than twenty dollars for the first offense, nor less than ten nor more than fifty dollars for the second and every subsequent offense, with costs in each case. Any person, who induces, or attempts to induce, any deaf or dumb child to absent himself or herself unlawfully from school, or employs or harbors any such child unlawfully from school, while said school is in session, shall upon conviction thereof, before a justice of the peace or other court, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be fined in a sum not less than five nor more than twenty dollars for the first offense, nor less than ten nor more than fifty dollars for the second, and every subsequent offense, with costs in each case. The principal teacher of every public school in the counties and the truant officers of the cities of St. Paul, Minneapolis and Duluth shall, within 30 days before the close of the school year succeeding the passage of this act, and at corresponding period each year thereafter, furnish the county superintendent of schools or the board of education of the cities of St. Paul, Minneapolis and Duluth, as the case may be, with

the name, age, sex and address of parent or guardian of all normal children, who are too deaf or too dumb to be educated in the public schools, between the ages of eight and twenty years, inclusive living within the boundaries of his or her school district and who do not attend school. And the county superintendent of schools, or the board of education of the cities of St. Paul, Minneapolis and Duluth, shall certify forthwith the names of all such deaf children with address of parent, age and sex, to the superintendent of the Minnesota school for the deaf at the city of Faribault.

It shall be the duty of the county attorney to at once prosecute any case of parent or others unlawfully responsible, directly or indirectly, for the failure to place a deaf child or youth in a school for the deaf, when such case shall have been reported to him.

*So far as the same are applicable all the provisions of this section shall be construed to include children who are too blind or defective of sight to be materially benefited by the methods of instruction in vogue in the public schools, for the purpose of securing their attendance at the state school for the blind.*

**Sec. 3. Field and employment agency for children.**—Section 4151, General Statutes, 1913, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

4151. There shall be established under the management of the *state board of control* a field and employment agency for the blind of said state.

**Sec. 4. Board of control to appoint superintendent and powers and duties of agent to be designated.**—Section 4152, General Statutes, 1913, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

4152. The *state board of control* shall annually appoint, upon the recommendation of the superintendent thereof, a competent person to conduct the work of said agency, under the direction of said superintendent.

Said agency shall collect statistics of the blind, including their present physical and mental condition, causes of blindness, capacity for education and industrial training, and any further information looking toward the improvement of their condition that may be desired.

Said agency shall give special attention to the cases of such blind youth as are eligible to attendance at the school for the blind, but are not in attendance thereat, or are not receiving adequate instruction elsewhere, and shall seek to secure such attendance by all practicable means.

Said agency shall endeavor to secure for the adult blind of

the state such labor and employment as may be adapted to their respective training and capacity, and shall, so far as may be feasible, aid said adults in securing any provisions which may be made by the school for the blind for the betterment of their lot.

Said agency shall further be empowered to aid the blind (1) by home instruction and training, (2) by assisting them in securing tools, appliances and supplies, (3) by aiding in marketing the products of their labors, (4) by care and relief for the indigent blind, and in any other practicable means of alleviating their condition.

**Sec. 5. Expenses to be paid out of appropriation for current expenses and act not to apply to certain counties.**—Section 4153, General Statutes, 1913, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

4153. *The state board of control is hereby authorized to defray the necessary expenses of the aforesaid agency from the appropriation for the current expenses of said board; provided, that in any county of this state, nor or hereafter having a population of over one hundred fifty thousand (150,000) inhabitants and an assessed valuation of over two hundred fifty million dollars (\$250,000,000) exclusive of money and credits, the county board of said county is authorized to defray part or all of the necessary expenses of maintaining said agency and its work within said county from the general revenue fund of said county, not exceeding the sum of twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200), in any one year, said expenses to be paid as other claims against said county are paid.*

**Sec. 6. Certain sections repealed.**—Sections 4144, 4145 and 4149, General Statutes, 1913, are hereby repealed.

**Sec. 7.** This bill shall take effect and be in force from and after July 31, 1917.

Approved April 17, 1917.

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#### CHAPTER 347—H. F. No. 1245.

*An act to amend Subdivision 8 of Section 696, General Statutes 1913, relating to appropriations by the county board to agricultural societies and farm improvement associations.*

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

**Section 1. County boards authorized to appropriate not to exceed \$100 annually for county agricultural society, farm improvement associations, etc.**—That sub-division 8, of section 696 General Statutes 1913, be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows:

8. To appropriate to any county agricultural society of its