

## CHAPTER 498—H. F. No. 867.

(AMENDING SECTIONS 128.13 AND 131.12 MINNESOTA  
STATUTES 1941.)

*An act relating to instruction of handicapped children and special aid therefor, and to amend Session Laws, 1941, Chapter 169, Article IX, Section 13, and Article XI, Section 12.*

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

Section 1. **Law amended.**—That Session Laws, 1941, Chapter 169, Article IX, Section 13, be amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 13. **State aid for special classes for handicapped children.**—Under such rules as the state board of education may establish relative to qualification of teachers, courses of study, methods of instruction, admission, size of classes, rooms and equipment, supervision, and such other rules and standards as the board may deem necessary, the state shall pay annually to any school district for the education of handicapped children the following amounts:

(a) For deaf children, not to exceed \$250.00 for each such child who is enrolled in a day school and who is a resident of a district maintaining such school; and not to exceed \$400.00 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 \$150.00 to be paid for board and room for such non-resident child.

(b) For blind children, not to exceed \$300.00 for each such child *who is enrolled in a day school and who is a resident of a district maintaining such school; and not to exceed \$450.00 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 \$150.00 to be paid for board and room for such non-resident child.*

(c) For subnormal children, not to exceed \$100.00 for each such child.

(d) For children with defective speech, not to exceed \$1,500 for each teacher engaged exclusively in this work.

(e) For crippled children, not to exceed \$250.00 for each such child *attending special classes or receiving instruction in the home.*

The per pupil allowance shall be paid for each such child who has been in attendance *in special classes or receiving instruc-*

*tion in the home for the full nine months, or a proportionate amount for each child for such time as he has been in attendance upon special classes or receiving instruction in the home.*

Under such rules as the state board of education may prescribe, a portion of the above funds may be expended for transportation, teachers salaries, special supervision, special instruction, special materials and equipment.

The amount of aid for any special class *or for instruction in the home* for handicapped children shall in no case exceed the amount expended for such class *or instruction* during the preceding year.

It shall be the duty of the treasurer of the school district, or of the board of education receiving such aid, to render annually to the state commissioner of education an itemized statement of all expenditures of said school or schools, and such related facts as he may require."

Sec. 2. **Law amended.**—That Session Laws, 1941, Chapter 169, Article XI, Section 12, be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 12. **Special classes—crippled children.**—Upon application made to the commissioner of education by any school district, complying with the provisions of this section and Section 13, Article IX, said commissioner may grant permission to such district to establish and maintain within its limits one or more classes for the instruction of crippled children who are residents of the state, providing there shall be not less than five crippled children of school age in each class, *and to provide for instruction in the home for crippled children who are not in physical condition to attend such special classes, provided there are not less than five of such children residing in the district. Nurses may be employed in connection with such classes and expenditures for this purpose may be classified as lawfully authorized expenditures for maintaining these classes. Such nurses shall be registered nurses, and shall be subject to such additional examination as the commissioner of education may require.*

For the purposes of this section, any child of school age, other than one of defective hearing, speech or sight, and who is of normal mind but is *physically impaired* in body or limb and *so that he or she cannot profitably or safely be educated in the regular classes as other children, shall be considered crippled and required to attend such classes, unless excused because of infectious disease or other conditions making attendance undesirable, or to receive such instruction in the home.*"

Approved April 19, 1943.