

or second degree, is guilty of criminal negligence in the operation of an aircraft, resulting in death.

Subd. 4. A person convicted of the crime defined in subdivision 3 of this section shall be punished by imprisonment in a state penal institution for a term not exceeding five years or in the workhouse or county jail for not more than one year, or by a fine of not more than \$1,000, or by both a fine and imprisonment in a state penal institution or a fine and imprisonment in the workhouse or county jail.

Sec. 38. **Repeal.** Laws 1943, Chapter 653, Sections 3 to 19, inclusive, are hereby repealed.

Approved April 16, 1945

CHAPTER 304—H. F. No. 537

An act establishing area vocational-technical schools, providing for apportionment and distribution of funds in aid thereof, and establishing standards for administration.

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

Section 1. **Purpose.** It is the purpose of this act to more nearly equalize the educational opportunities in certain phases of vocational-technical education to persons of the state who are of the age and maturity to profitably pursue training for a specific occupation.

Sec. 2. **Designation of area.** The Commissioner of Education, with the approval of the State Board for Vocational Education, shall designate an area to be served by each area vocational-technical school, assigning administrative authority to that school district in which the area vocational plant is located.

Sec. 3. **Apportionment and distribution of funds.** All funds, whether state or federal or other funds, which may be made available to the State Board for Vocational Education for carrying out the purposes of vocational-technical education as provided by this act, shall be apportioned and distributed by the State Board for Vocational Education to the various local school districts as additional aid for use in helping such local school districts in defraying the cost involved in maintaining and operating approved vocational training

courses or departments, subject to such reasonable rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the State Board for Vocational Education and in accordance with the approved State Plan for vocational education.

Sec. 4. Distribution on cost basis. The Commissioner of Education with the approval of the State Board for Vocational Education is authorized to apportion and distribute funds to local school districts under the provisions of this act, such apportionment and reimbursement to be on a cost basis for those trainees living outside of the local school districts.

Sec. 5. Powers and duties of commissioner. The Commissioner of Education with the approval of the State Board for Vocational Education shall have authority to:

(1) Approve applications for the designation and establishment of area vocational-technical school areas within the state, and apportion and distribute funds that may be made available as special or additional aid to local school districts for the cost of training persons enrolled in vocational courses who come from areas not under the jurisdictional authority of the local school boards;

(2) Approve or disapprove all courses and classes to be offered, and establish standards of training in each occupation that must be maintained by a local school district in order to obtain special aid;

(3) Establish age limits of trainees and entrance requirements to be met by trainees for each occupation in which training is offered and provide regulations for such reasonable tuition that may be required for day-school students beyond twenty-one years of age;

(4) Provide for the supervision of courses or training programs.

Sec. 6. Enrollment of non-residents. In order for a school system to receive any of the funds which may be made available for the purpose of vocational-technical education and other purposes set forth in this act, the local school districts must allow enrollment of trainees from outside their school district areas and permit them to attend approved vocational-technical courses without additional cost to them or under the same conditions as those applying to students residing in the district.

Sec. 7. Transportation. A portion of the funds made available for the purposes of this act shall be used for provid-

ing transportation to and from the vocational center for trainees living outside the school district area of the local school district.

Sec. 8. State property distribution. Any property of the state administered by the State Board for Vocational Education in connection with teaching vocational education may be apportioned and distributed by said State Board for Vocational Education to local school districts desiring to avail themselves of the benefits of this act.

Sec. 9. Operation by state teachers college or agricultural school. When certain areas cannot be served by the local school district the Commissioner of Education with the approval of the State Board for Vocational Education may designate some State Teachers College, or State Agricultural School to operate such school.

Sec. 10. Advisory information. The Commissioner of Education and the State Board for Vocational Education shall keep themselves advised by competent authorities representing the various vocational fields.

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CHAPTER 305—H. F. No. 661

An act relating to local option elections in certain counties; amending Minnesota Statutes 1941, Sections 340.25 and 340.26.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 340.25, is hereby amended to read as follows:

340.25. Local option election in counties; petition. Sections 340.25 to 340.40 shall not apply to any county in the state in which is located any city of the first class. When there shall be presented to the auditor of any county within this state a petition signed by any number of the qualified voters thereof equal to or exceeding 25 per cent of the total number of votes cast therein for governor at the last preceding general election, praying that a special election be held in the county to determine (1) whether the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be prohibited therein, or (2), in any county