

by the council of the City of St. Paul, and at such compensation as may be ordered by said Council of the City of St. Paul, said additional clerks shall perform such duties as the clerk or judges shall direct in completing the work of the office and all other powers and authority in this act provided for. Each of the said additional assistant clerks before entering on the performance of the duties of his office shall first take and subscribe an oath in form as prescribed in section 10 of the act and execute to the City of St. Paul for the use and benefit of all persons injured by failure to observe its conditions, a penal bond in the sum of \$1,000 with such sureties as the common council may approve, conditioned that said clerks will account to and pay over to the clerk or deputy clerk of said court on each day all moneys belonging to or to go to said city, and that they will at all times pay over to said clerk or deputy clerk of said court on demand all moneys to which any person may be entitled which may have come into his hands in virtue or by reason of his office. Such bond shall be filed with the same officer as the bond of the clerk.

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CHAPTER 710—H. F. No. 1198  
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*An act creating an interim commission on education to investigate and to study the payment of school aids and the need therefor and the influence and impact of such aids upon the educational programs of public school districts and to study and investigate school district reorganization.*

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

**Section 1. Interim commission on education.** An interim commission on education to investigate and to study the payment of school aids and the need therefor, and the influence and impact of such aids upon the educational programs of public school districts, and to study and investigate school district reorganization is hereby created. Such commission shall consist of five members of the house to be appointed by the speaker, five members of the senate to be appointed by the senate committee on committees. The appointment of such commission shall be made upon the passage of this act. Any vacancy that may occur in the membership of the commission shall be filled by the appointing power.

**Sec. 2. Duties.** The commission shall make a comprehensive, detailed and complete study and investigation of

school district reorganization and of all the factors contributing to a sound educational program and for the development of a sound policy for the payment of state aids to public schools and the need therefor in regard to such educational program in the school districts. For the purpose of this act all school districts, whether common, special, independent, consolidated, ten-or-more township, associated, county or unorganized territories, each of which is a public corporation, are to be considered.

**Sec. 3. Meetings, officers.** The commission may hold meetings at such times and places as it may designate. It shall select a chairman, a vice-chairman, and such other officers from its membership as it may deem necessary.

**Sec. 4. Testimonial powers.** The commission may subpoena witnesses and records, and employ such assistance as it deems necessary effectually to perform its duties. It may do all things necessary and convenient to enable it adequately to accomplish its purposes.

**Sec. 5. Cooperation.** Every state, county and school district officer is hereby authorized and directed to cooperate with such commission and to make available to the commission upon request by it, all records and information which is under his control relating to the subject matter of this act.

**Sec. 6. Reports.** The commission shall make a report to the governor and to the speaker of the house of representatives and to the chairman of the senate committee on committees not later than September 1, 1956. Such report shall set forth its findings, and make such recommendations as it deems proper to assist the legislature in the formulation of a fair policy and a sound program pertaining to school district reorganization and to the payment of school aids to public school districts within the State of Minnesota.

**Sec. 7. Expenses.** The members of the commission shall be reimbursed for all expenses actually and necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties.

**Sec. 8. Appropriation.** The sum of \$30,000 is hereby appropriated from the income tax school funds in the state treasury to the commission for its use in performing the duties imposed under the provisions of this act. The payment of such expenses shall be approved on behalf of the commission by the chairman and at least two other members of the commission and paid in the manner provided by law. A general summary

or statement of the expenses incurred and paid by the commission shall be included with the commission's report.

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CHAPTER 711—H. F. No. 1259

*An act relating to aid to the blind; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 256.12, Subdivision 8, Sections 256.49 to 256.68, inclusive; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 256.49, Subdivision 2.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 256.12, Subdivision 8 is amended to read:

Subd. 8. **County agency.** As used in sections 256.49 to 256.71, the term "county agency" means a county welfare board operating under and pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1953, chapter 393.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 256.49, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

**256.49 State agency, duties.** Subdivision 1. **Aid to blind persons.** The state agency shall:

(1) Supervise the administration of assistance to the needy blind by the county agencies under section 256.49 to 256.71;

(2) Make all rules and regulations and take such action as may be necessary or desirable for the carrying out of the provisions of sections 256.49 to 256.71. All rules and regulations made by the state agency shall be binding on the counties, and shall be complied with by the respective county agencies;

(3) Establish minimum standards for personnel employed by the state agency in the administration of sections 256.49 to 256.71, and make rules and regulations necessary to maintain such standards;

(4) Prescribe the form of and print blanks for applications, reports, affidavits, and such other forms as it may deem necessary and advisable;

(5) Cooperate with the federal social security board created under title 7 of the social security act approved August 14, 1935, or other agency of the federal government, in any reasonable manner as may be necessary to qualify for federal