

CHAPTER 134—H.F.No.882

An act relating to public welfare; acceptance of nonresidents at the schools for blind or deaf; amending Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 248.02.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 248.02, is amended to read:

248.02 PUBLIC WELFARE; SCHOOLS FOR BLIND OR DEAF; NONRESIDENTS. 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 commissioner of public welfare 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 is~~ unable to make these provisions for him, ~~of which facts the certificate of the probate judge shall be prima facie evidence,~~ the county welfare board in which he has a residence shall ~~annually, on or before October 1,~~ pay to the superintendent of the school in which he is a pupil a sum ~~not exceeding \$50~~ to be fixed by the commissioner of public welfare. Such sum shall be used only for clothing, postage, and necessary incidental expenses for the pupil. In addition, in such cases, the county shall be liable for the actual transportation of the pupil to and from the school. Should the person legally liable for the support of the pupil default in the payment of such sum, or any part thereof, such unpaid balance shall be referred to the auditor of the county of which the pupil is a resident and the county shall either collect or assume such bill. ~~The superintendent, on July 1 each year, shall render to the county auditor and to the commissioner of public welfare a detailed account of all cases of indigency or default.~~

Applicants from other states who can benefit by being enrolled may be accepted so long as acceptance does not preclude acceptance of an eligible resident. The commissioner of public welfare shall obtain reimbursement from other states for the costs incurred in connection with nonresidents accepted and may contract with the appropriate authorities of other states to effect reimbursement. All money received from other states shall be paid to the state treasurer and placed in the general fund.

Approved April 22, 1971.

Changes or additions indicated by underline, deletions by ~~strikeout~~.