

the purpose of qualifying either person for old age assistance under sections 256.11 to 256.43;

(5) Who is receiving aid to the blind, aid to dependent children or aid to the permanently and totally disabled.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes, 1957, Section 256.24, as amended by Laws 1959, Chapter 622, Section 2, is amended to read:

256.24 **Funeral expenses; claim against estate.** On the death of a recipient, the county agency shall pay an amount for reasonable funeral expenses not exceeding ~~\$150-~~ *\$200 and actual cemetery charges*. No funeral expenses shall be paid if the estate of the deceased is sufficient to pay such expenses or if the children, or spouse, who were legally responsible for the support of the deceased during his lifetime, are able to pay such expenses; provided, that the additional payment or donation of the cost of cemetery lot, interment, religious service, or for the transportation of the body into or out of the community in which deceased resided, shall not limit payment by the county agency as herein authorized. Freedom of choice in the selection of a funeral director shall be granted to persons lawfully authorized to make arrangements for the burial of any such deceased recipient. In determining the sufficiency of such estate due regard shall be had for the nature and marketability of the assets of the estate. The county agency may grant funeral expenses where the sale would cause undue loss to the estate. Any amount paid by the county as funeral expenses shall be a prior claim against the estate, as provided in section 525.44, and any amount recovered shall be paid to the treasury of the county which paid the expenses and deposited in the county old age assistance fund and 50 percent thereof shall be paid to the state agency.

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CHAPTER 446—S. F. No. 83

[Coded]

*An act providing for scholarships for students in accredited schools of nursing and repealing Extra Session Laws 1959, Chapter 71, Article V, Section 37, and Extra Session Laws 1959, Chapter 80, Sections 1 and 2.*

Changes or additions indicated by *italics*, deletions by ~~strikeout~~.

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

Section 1. [148.286] **Nursing scholarships.** Subdivision 1. **Entitlement, use, amount.** The Minnesota board of nursing may award scholarships to students attending a school of nursing in this state accredited in accordance with the laws pertaining to registered nurses and licensed practical nurses. Such scholarships shall be awarded to those students who are residents of this state and who are in need of economic assistance in securing such nursing education, and shall be awarded on the basis of need and ability. These scholarships shall be used solely to defray tuition and other fees and expenses incidental to such nursing education, and shall be awarded only to students enrolled in a school of nursing which provides students an educational experience in a rural or a state hospital for the mentally ill. No student shall receive a scholarship of more than \$1,000. Two thirds of the scholarship shall be available to the student in the first year of her course, and the remainder thereof shall be divided equally between the remaining years of the course, provided, however, that the practical nurse scholarship shall not exceed \$300 and shall be available to the student in the first year of her course.

Subd. 2. **Conditions of grant.** The recipient of any scholarship provided for hereunder must agree to accept an educational experience in a rural hospital or a state hospital for the mentally ill, and must further agree to practice the profession of nursing for at least one year immediately after graduation in the state of Minnesota.

Subd. 3. **Allocation; annual amount available.** Not less than one third of the amount available for scholarships in each fiscal year shall be awarded for scholarships in accredited schools, located in counties with a population of not exceeding 100,000 persons respectively. (Provided, however, that at the end of six months of each fiscal year any amount remaining unallocated may be awarded for scholarships in any accredited school in the state of Minnesota. Except for amounts that may be necessary to pay any scholarships which have been awarded and not completed or terminated, any unexpended balance of the appropriated sums shall revert to the state treasury at the close of the said fiscal years. Of the amounts appropriated, not more than \$4,000 thereof shall be used for administration in each of the fiscal years.)

Sec. 2. **Extra Session Laws 1959, Chapter 71, Article**

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V, Section 37, and Extra Session Laws 1959, Chapter 80, Sections 1 and 2, are repealed.

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CHAPTER 447—S. F. No. 174

[Coded]

*An act authorizing the establishment and operation of county purchasing departments.*

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

Section 1. **[392.06] Creation of county purchasing department.** In order to effect economies through volume buying, and in order to promote competitive bidding and provide more efficient public service, the county board of any county may establish a county purchasing department. The county board may direct an existing county office, department or agency to perform the duties of the county purchasing department or may create a new department or agency for that purpose.

Sec. 2. **[392.07] Duties of purchasing department.**  
Subdivision 1. The county purchasing department shall perform all acts necessary to the purchase or contract for all supplies, materials, equipment, and contractual services required by any or all county offices, departments or agencies. The county board shall select the county offices, departments or agencies to be serviced by the county purchasing department. The board may authorize any county office, department or agency designated by the board to purchase directly, without the intervention of the director of purchasing, certain specified supplies, materials, equipment, or contractual services, and shall designate the manner in which such purchases shall be made.

Subd. 2. The county purchasing department also shall perform the following duties:

(1) Prepare all specifications for supplies, materials and equipment;

(2) Transfer to or between county offices, departments or agencies, or sell supplies, materials, and equipment which is surplus, obsolete, or unused.

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