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CHAPTER 26

SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND

4144, 4145. [Repealed.]

See § [4153—]1.

4146. Who may be admitted—Expenses.—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 state board of control 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 unable to make these provisions for him, of which facts the certificate of the probate judge shall be prima facie evidence, the county in which he has a residence shall annually on or before October 1 pay to the superintendent of the school of which he is an inmate a sum not exceeding forty dollars to be fixed by the board. Such sum shall be used only for clothing, postage and transportation for the pupil. The superintendent, on August 1 of each year, shall render to the county auditor and to the board of directors a detailed account thereof. (Amended '17 c. 346 § 1)

4149. [Repealed.]

See § [4153—]1.

4150. Certain children required to attend—Every parent, guardian or other person having control of any normal child between eight and twenty years of age, too deaf or too dumb or defective of speech to be materially benefited by the methods of instruction in vogue in the public schools, shall be required to send such child or youth to the school for the deaf at the city of Faribault, Minnesota, during the scholastic year of that school. Such child or youth shall attend such school, year after year, until discharged by the superintendent upon approval of the state board of control.

Such board may excuse the attendance when satisfied:

1. That the child is in such bodily or mental condition as to prevent his attendance at school or application to study for the period required.
2. That he is afflicted with such contagious or offensive disease or possesses such habits as to render his presence a menace to the health or morals of other pupils, or for any reason deemed good and sufficient by the superintendent with approval of the state board of control.
3. That the child is efficiently taught for the scholastic year in a private or other school, or by a private tutor, the branches taught in the public schools so far as possible.

Any such parent, guardian, or other person failing to comply with the foregoing section, shall, upon conviction thereof before a justice of the peace or other court, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be fined in a sum not less than five nor more than twenty dollars for the first offense, nor less than ten nor more than fifty dollars for the second and every subsequent offense, with costs in each case. Any person, who induces, or attempts to induce, any deaf or dumb child to absent himself or herself unlawfully from school, or employs or harbors any such child unlawfully from school, while said school is in session, shall upon conviction thereof, before a justice of the peace or other court, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be fined in a sum not less than five nor more than twenty dollars for the first offense, nor less than ten nor more than fifty dollars for the second, and every subsequent offense, with costs in each case. The principal teacher of every public school in the counties and the truant officers of the cities of St. Paul, Minneapolis and Duluth shall, within 30 days before the close of the school year succeeding the passage of this act, and at corresponding period each year

thereafter, furnish the county superintendent of schools or the board of education of the cities of St. Paul, Minneapolis, and Duluth, as the case may be, with the name, age, sex and address of parent or guardian of all normal children, who are too deaf or too dumb to be educated in the public schools, between the ages of eight and twenty years, inclusive living within the boundaries of his or her school district and who do not attend school. And the county superintendent of schools, or the board of education of the cities of St. Paul, Minneapolis and Duluth, shall certify forthwith the names of all such deaf children with address of parent, age and sex, to the superintendent of the Minnesota school for the deaf at the city of Faribault.

It shall be the duty of the county attorney to at once prosecute any case of parent or others unlawfully responsible, directly or indirectly, for the failure to place a deaf child or youth in a school for the deaf, when such case shall have been reported to him.

So far as the same are applicable all the provisions of this section shall be construed to include children who are too blind or defective of sight to be materially benefited by the methods of instruction in vogue in the public schools, for the purpose of securing their attendance at the state school for the blind. (Amended '17 c. 346 § 2)

4151. Field and employment agency for blind—There shall be established under the management of the state board of control a field and employment agency for the blind of said state. (Amended '17 c. 346 § 3)

4152. Superintendent—Powers and duties of agency—The state board of control shall annually appoint, upon the recommendation of the superintendent thereof, a competent person to conduct the work of said agency, under the direction of said superintendent.

Said agency shall collect statistics of the blind, including their present physical and mental condition, causes of blindness, capacity for education and industrial training, and any further information looking toward the improvement of their condition that may be desired.

Said agency shall give special attention to the cases of such blind youth as are eligible to attendance at the school for the blind, but are not in attendance thereat, or are not receiving adequate instruction elsewhere, and shall seek to secure such attendance by all practicable means.

Said agency shall endeavor to secure for the adult blind of the state such labor and employment as may be adapted to their respective training and capacity, and shall, so far as may be feasible, aid said adults in securing any provisions which may be made by the school for the blind for the betterment of their lot.

Said agency shall further be empowered to aid the blind (1) by home instruction and training, (2) by assisting them in securing tools, appliances and supplies, (3) by aiding in marketing the products of their labors, (4) by care and relief for the indigent blind, and in any other practicable means of alleviating their condition. (Amended '17 c. 346 § 4)

4153. Expenses—The state board of control is hereby authorized to defray the necessary expenses of the aforesaid agency from the appropriation for the current expenses of said board; provided, that in any county of this state, now or hereafter having a population of over one hundred fifty thousand (150,000) inhabitants and an assessed valuation of over two hundred fifty million dollars (\$250,000,000) exclusive of money and credits, the county board of said county is authorized to defray part or all of the necessary expenses of maintaining said agency and its work within said county from the general revenue fund of said county, not exceeding the sum of twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200), in any one year, said expenses to be paid as other claims against said county are paid. (Amended '17 c. 346 § 5)

See 1917 c. 185 § 1, amending 1913 c. 488 § 3.

[4153—]1. **Sections repealed**—Sections 4144, 4145 and 4149, General Statutes, 1913, are hereby repealed. ('17 c. 346 § 6)

[4153—]2. **Aid to blind students at universities, colleges, etc.**—That any blind person who is, and for five (5) years immediately preceding the making of his application for aid under this act has been, a resident of this state, and who is a regularly enrolled student pursuing any course of study, profession, art or science in any university, college, or conservatory of music, approved by the board of directors of the Minnesota School for the Blind, may in the discretion and under the direction of the said board, receive a sum or sums of money not exceeding Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) in any one year, for the purpose of defraying his necessary expenses, including those of a reader, while in attendance upon such university, college or conservatory, such expenditures to be made from the appropriations for the current expenses of the Minnesota School for the Blind, provided that not more than five (5) such blind persons shall receive such aid in any one year. ('15 c. 307 § 1)

By § 2 the act takes effect August 1, 1915.

CHAPTER 27

STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL

4155, 4156. [Repealed.]

See § [4168—]1.

4157. Admission of pupils—Children under fifteen years of age who are dependent on the public for support, abandoned, neglected, or ill treated, and who are sound of mind and free from disease, shall be received into said school upon commitment by a juvenile court. Whenever the number of such children shall exceed the capacity of the school, preference shall be given to the younger children and to those in greatest need, and the children received shall be divided among the several counties as justly as possible, taking into consideration the number of such children in each county and its population. The state board of control or superintendent shall notify the juvenile court of any county of the number of children that can be received from such county, whenever vacancies exist, or upon inquiry from the court. The children of deceased soldiers shall be given preference in admission. No child who can be received into the school shall be maintained in any poorhouse. Before any child under one year of age shall be ordered sent to said school, a written statement from the superintendent shall be obtained, showing that said child can be received and cared for in said school. (Amended '17 c. 214 § 1)

4158-4160. [Repealed.]

See § [4168—]1.

4161. Guardianship of child—A child admitted to said school shall remain therein and subject to the guardianship of the state board of control until a proper home is procured for him. The board may return or discharge each child when satisfied that he is unsound in mind, or diseased, or for other cause is not a proper inmate of this school. Upon such return or discharge the guardianship of the board shall cease and the child shall again be under the custody of his parents or guardian, or a charge upon the county from which he was sent. (Amended '17 c. 214 § 2)

4162. [Repealed.]

See § [4168—]1.

4163. Adoption and apprenticeship—

A child adopted by a widow after her husband's death is not entitled to the benefits of § 8208 subd. 9, of the Workmen's Compensation Act (133-265, 158+250). Master and Servant, 388.

4167. State board of control to find homes for children—The state board of control is hereby authorized to receive, keep, maintain, train and find homes for such children as the controlling board or other managing authorities of any institution or association which is permitted to receive, find homes for or