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educate such other indigent crippled persons as are unable to support themselves, and may be admitted to such institution by the board of control of the state of Minnesota. ('09 c. 130 § 1)

CHAPTER 25A

BOARD OF VISITORS FOR STATE INSTITUTIONS

4139. How constituted—Appointment—Terms—Expenses—Annual appropriation, etc.—The governor with the advice and consent of the senate, shall appoint six persons, not more than three of whom shall be from the same political party, who shall serve, two for two years, two for four years, and two for six years, as indicated by the governor upon their appointment, and at the expiration of each term the successor shall be appointed in like manner for a term of six years. The governor shall be ex officio a member of this board. These persons shall constitute the state board of visitors for public institutions in the state of Minnesota, and they shall serve without compensation, their traveling expenses alone being paid by the state. They shall appoint such clerical help as they deem necessary, and a room shall be provided for their meetings in the state house; and there is hereby appropriated from any funds in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of one thousand dollars, per annum from July 31st, 1907, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the expenses of the board. All accounts and expenditures shall be certified as may be provided by the board, and shall be paid by the state treasurer upon an order from the state auditor. ('07 c. 441 § 1)

4140. Meetings—Powers and duties—Regular meetings of the said board shall be held quarterly or oftener, if required. The board shall make such rules and regulations for the transaction of business as they may deem necessary. They shall study the whole subject of the care and management of charitable and correctional institutions, and they shall visit those within the bounds of the state, whether state, county or municipal, and the officer in charge of said institution shall furnish to said board, upon its request, such information as it may require. The governor may at any time in his discretion order an investigation by the said board of visitors or by a committee therefrom of any penal or charitable institution in the state, and said board shall have power to send for persons and papers, and to administer oaths and affirmations, and the report of such investigation with the testimony shall be submitted to the governor, and by him transmitted with his recommendations to the legislature. ('07 c. 441 § 2)

4141. Biennial report—The state board of visitors shall make a full report to the legislature every two years of its transactions, and one thousand copies of said report shall be printed. ('07 c. 441 § 3)

4142. Disqualifications of members, etc.—No member of the board of visitors, or employé, shall be an employé of, or interested directly or indirectly in any contract for the building or maintenance of any institution which the board is authorized to visit. ('07 c. 441 § 4)

CHAPTER 26

SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND

4143. Location—Organization—The Minnesota schools for the deaf and the blind shall be continued at Faribault. They shall be maintained as the school for the deaf and the school for the blind, and shall be grouped and classed with the educational institutions of the state. (1931)

4144. Directors—Officers—Meetings—The board, consisting of the governor and state superintendent ex officio, and five directors appointed by the governor for a term of five years and until their successors qualify, and

known as the "Board of Directors of the Institute for Defectives," shall be continued and hereafter known as the "Board of Directors of the Minnesota Schools for the Deaf and the Blind." Said board shall annually elect from its members a president and a secretary who shall hold office until their successors qualify. It shall hold monthly business meetings, at which three members shall constitute a quorum. Vacancies in the board shall be filled by the governor for the unexpired terms. The salary of the secretary shall be fixed by the board at not to exceed three hundred dollars a year. (1932)

4145. Powers and duties—The board shall have the educational management and supervision of the schools, and shall prescribe regulations for the admission and government of pupils, and do all things necessary for their efficient education and training. It shall teach the trades and manual industries most conducive to training for self-support. It shall appoint, and may at pleasure remove, a superintendent for each school, and, upon nomination of the superintendents, such subordinates as may be necessary. (1933)

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 board 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. (1934)

4147. University—Free tuition—Any resident of the state graduated from the school for the blind, upon compliance with all other requirements, shall be entitled to pursue any course of study in the state university, without expense for tuition; and the board of regents shall receive him into any department thereof. (1935)

4148. Gifts and conveyances—The board shall take and hold in trust all lands or other property granted, given, devised, or conveyed to the schools or either of them. All moneys and securities so received, and all income from such property, shall be deposited in the state treasury, subject to the order of the board. (1936)

4149. Annual and biennial reports—On or before November 1 of each year, and whenever required, each superintendent shall make to the board a full report of the work of his school, with such recommendations as he shall deem proper. The board shall make a biennial report to the governor, on or before December 1 preceding each regular session of the legislature. Said report shall contain a full history of the work of each school for the two years ending with the preceding July, with reports of the several superintendents, and other matters usually included in such reports. Said report shall be printed by the state, and five copies furnished to each state officer and member of the legislature, and such number to the board as it shall require, not to exceed five copies for each pupil enrolled. (1937)

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 board in control of such institution.

Excusing attendance—Such board may excuse 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 board in control of such school.

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.

Penalty—Any such parent, guardian or other person failing to comply with the foregoing section, shall, upon conviction thereof before the 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 be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall upon conviction thereof, before the 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 succeeding 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 8 and 20 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.

Prosecutions—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 deaf child or youth in a school for the deaf, when such case shall have been reported to him. (R. L. c. 26, amended '07 c. 407 § 1; '09 c. 396 § 1)

4151. Field and employment agency for blind—There shall be established under the management of the board of directors of the school for the blind of the state of Minnesota a field and employment agency for the blind of said state. ('13 c. 488 § 1)

4152. Same—Superintendent—Powers and duties of agency—The board of directors of said school 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 especial 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. ('13 c. 488 § 2)

4153. Same—Expenses—The board of directors of the Minnesota school for the blind are hereby authorized to defray the necessary expenses of the aforesaid agency from the appropriations for the current expenses of said board. ('13 c. 488 § 3)

CHAPTER 27

STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL

4154. Location—Purpose—The state public school for dependent children shall be continued at Owatonna. Its purpose shall be to furnish a temporary home for dependent and neglected children, and to provide them with proper permanent homes, proper care and instruction, while in said home, in the branches usually taught in the common schools, and with moral, physical, and industrial training. (1938)

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4155. Government—The board of control of said school shall consist of three members and shall be known as the "Board of Managers of the State Public School." Said board shall have the general care and management, other than financial, of said school. It shall be a body corporate under said name, with a common seal and the usual powers of such bodies, and may take and hold all lands and other property acquired by purchase, gift, donation, devise, or bequest for the use of the institution. The members of said board shall be appointed by the governor, each for a term of six years and until his successor qualifies. Each shall be allowed his necessary expenses, and three dollars per day for his actual and necessary services, to be audited by the state board of control. (1939)

4156. Powers and duties of board—The board of managers shall elect from its members a president and a secretary, and shall appoint a superintendent, who shall appoint and may discharge such assistants and employees as may be necessary. The said board shall determine the number of assistants and employees, their salaries and the salary of the superintendent, subject to the approval of the board of control. It shall prescribe regulations for the government and conduct of the institution, and shall meet on its own adjournment or otherwise at least once in three months. (1940)

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. 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 board of managers or superintendent shall notify the county board of any county of the number of children that can be received from such county, whenever vacancies exist, or upon inquiry from the county board. 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. (1941)