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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. (R. L. c. 26, amended '07 c. 407 § 1; '09 c. 396 § 1; '17 c. 346 § 2) [4150]

4616. Duties of state board of control—(a) It shall be the duty of the State Board of Control to co-operate with state and local boards and agencies both public and private, and preventing loss of sight, in alleviating the condition of blind persons and persons of failing sight, in extending and improving the education, advisement, training, placement and conservation of the blind, and in promoting their personal, economic, social and civic well being.

(b) The board 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.

(c) The board shall give special attention to the cases of such blind youth as are eligible to attendance at the school for the blind, or the public school classes 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.

(d) The board shall endeavor to secure for the adult blind of the state and youths of legal working age such vocational training, labor and employment as may be adapted to their respective capacity, and shall, so far as may be feasible, aid such persons in securing any provisions which may be made by the school for the blind or other state agencies for the betterment of their lot. When vocational training under the Division of Re-education is secured, such aid may take the form of payments for the maintenance of persons in training, under rules to be adopted by the Board of Control.

(e) The board 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 aid in marketing the products of their labors, (4) by care and relief for blind persons who are not capable of self-support and in any other practicable means of alleviating their condition.

(f) The board shall have authority to organize the aforesaid work as an activity of the Children's Bureau and it shall be legal for the county child welfare boards to co-operate in this work in the same manner as in other work conducted by the Children's Bureau. ('13 c. 488 §§ 1, 2, amended '17 c. 346 §§ 3, 4; '23 c. 336 § 1) [4151, 4152]

4617. Payments—The State Board of Control is hereby authorized to defray the necessary expenses of the aforesaid work 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 three hundred million (\$300,000,000) dollars, exclusive of money and credits, the county board of said county is hereby authorized to defray part or all of the necessary expenses of maintaining said work within said county from the general revenue fund of said county, not exceeding the total sum of three thousand six hundred (\$3,600) dollars, in any one calendar year, and in carrying on said work may appoint and employ an assistant to the regular field agent for the blind in said county, who shall work under the direction of said agent in said county. The portion of the salary of said field agent and of any such assistant to be paid by said county, shall be fixed by the county board at its first meeting after the taking effect of this act and thereafter at its first meeting in January in each year, and such salary of said field agent and said assistant shall be paid in the same manner as the salary of other county officers and employes are paid. All necessary expenses of said agent and assistant in carrying on said work in said county, not paid by the State Board of Control, shall be paid by said county board as other claims against said county are paid. ('13 c. 488 § 3, amended '17 c. 185 § 1; '17 c. 346 § 5; '21 c. 24 § 1; '23 c. 336 § 2) [4153]

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CHAPTER 27

STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL

4618. 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) [4154]

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4619. Juvenile court to commit children to state public school—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 coun-

ties 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. (R. L. '05 § 1941; G. S. '13 § 4157, amended '17 c. 214 § 1)

4620. State Board of Control to assume 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 pro-

cured 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. (R. L. '05 § 1945; G. S. '13 § 4161, amended '17 c. 214 § 2)

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4621. Adoption and apprenticeship—Said board, so far as practicable, shall secure permanent homes for such children in proper families, by adoption or apprenticeship, and for that purpose may consent or authorize the superintendent to consent to the legal adoption of any such child in the same manner as his parents might have done; or it may place him in a proper family, during minority or for a shorter period, under a written contract providing for his proper education in public schools, for teaching him some useful occupation, for kind and proper treatment as a member of such family, and for payment to the board at the termination of the apprenticeship, for the use of the child, of such sum as may be provided in the contract. Such contract shall reserve to the board the right of cancellation whenever in its judgment the interest of the child requires it, and to the person taking the child the right so to cancel at any time within ninety days, upon returning the child to the school free of expense. (1947) [4163]

Status of child taken into family under this statute. 133-266, 158+250.

4622. Discharge of child—Whenever any such child, not indentured, has become self-supporting, or his parents have become able to provide for him and are otherwise suitable, the board, by resolution, may discharge him; whereupon the guardianship of the board shall cease, and he shall be entitled to his earnings, with power to contract for his services, or shall be returned to the custody of his parents, as the board shall direct. (1948) [4164]

4623. Agents—Appointment—Duties—Suitable persons shall be appointed to act as agents of the school. They shall visit the wards of the board, at its direc-

tion, and report to it their condition, and any violation of contracts, and shall perform such other duties as the board may direct. They or the superintendent shall provide homes for wards, investigate applications for apprentices, and, on behalf of the board, execute contracts of apprenticeship. They shall be allowed, in addition to their salaries, their necessary traveling expenses, to be audited by the State Board of Control. (1949) [4165]

4624. Record of wards—The board shall cause to be kept at the home a record, containing the names, ages and residences of all children received; the names, residence, occupation and character, so far as known, of the living parents; the date of reception, and of adoption or indenture, with the name, occupation and residence of the person with whom the child is placed; the date and cause of the cancellation of any contract; the date and cause of discharge; and a brief history of each child during minority. (1950) [4166]

4625. State Board of Control authorized 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 secure adoption for children under the supervision of the State Board of Control may request. ('13 c. 404 § 1, amended '17 c. 214 § 3) [4167]

4626. Visitation powers of State Board of Control—The State Board of Control is authorized to visit and investigate the conditions of all children for whom homes have been found by an institution within the State of Minnesota which has or may at any time have been permitted by said board to receive and find homes for dependent children. ('13 c. 404 § 2, amended '17 c. 214 § 4) [4168]

4627. Penalties—Any parent, guardian or other person who shall abduct, conceal, entice, carry away, or improperly interfere with any child committed to the guardianship of said board, or who shall obstruct or interfere with any officer or agent in the performance of any duty imposed by this chapter, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. (1952) [4170]

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CHAPTER 28

RAILROADS, WAREHOUSES AND GRAIN

RAILROAD AND WAREHOUSE COMMISSION

4628. Election, etc.—The general supervision of railroads and express companies doing business as common carriers, and of public warehouses, is vested in a board of three railroad and warehouse commissioners, which shall be known as the "Railroad and Warehouse Commission." At the general election to be held in 1912 there shall be one commissioner elected for a term of four years, and one commissioner for a term of six years and at each biennial election thereafter there shall be one commissioner elected for a term of six years and until their successors qualify. (R. L. § 1953, amended '11 c. 140 § 1) [4171]

1911 c. 140 § 4 repeals inconsistent acts, etc.

4629. Vacancies—Vacancies in the commission shall be filled by the governor until the next general election, when a commissioner shall be elected for the unexpired term. (1954) [4172]

4630. Qualifications—No person in the employ of any railroad company or grain warehouse company, or who owns stocks, bonds or other property therein, shall be eligible as a commissioner; nor shall any such commissioner, during his continuance in office, be interested in any such stock, bonds or other property, or in any contract for the construction, repair or maintenance of any railroad, or accept any employment, office, or retainer under any such company, or participate in any hearing or proceeding in which he has a pecuniary interest. (1955) [4173]

4631. Oath—Bond—Salary—Before entering upon the duties of his office, each commissioner shall take, subscribe and file with the secretary of state an oath as follows:

"I do solemnly swear that I will support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of this state, and that I will faithfully discharge my duties as a member of the railroad and warehouse com-

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