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for—Blind person defined—Additional rules by board of control—The care and relief authorized in sub-section (e) of Section 1 of this act to be given by the Board shall be paid only from funds appropriated specifically for such purpose. Such care and relief shall be given only to blind persons who meet all of the following requirements: (1) are citizens of the United States at the time of application for such care and relief; (2) have become blind while legal residents of this State or were either legal residents of this state prior to Jan. 1, 1920, and continuously thereafter, or have been legal residents of this state for a period of five years immediately preceding the date of such application; and (3) are unable by any occupation or through lawful income of any kind, to provide themselves with the necessaries of life. No payments of moneys shall be made under this section for the care and relief of any blind persons who solicits alms, or who is an inmate of a public institution, or who is an inmate of a charitable institution supported without

charge to such a blind person, or who has for five years preceding loss of sight been dependent upon public relief. Provided, further, that nothing in this act shall be construed to repeal or render void so far as blind persons are concerned any existing statutes which create or define a liability on the part of relatives to support poor persons. Provided also that where any marriage is contracted between two blind persons after the passage of this act, the maximum paid under this section for their joint care and relief shall not exceed the sum of thirty (30) dollars monthly.

For the purposes of this section a blind person shall be one who with the help of eye glasses or other resources has not sufficient ocular power for the ordinary affairs of life or in particular for the performance of tasks for which eyesight is essential.

The Board of Control shall have power to adopt additional rules relating to care and relief for the blind. ('23, c. 336, § 3)

Explanatory note—For section 1 see § 4616, herein.

CHAPTER 27

STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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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. Commitments to school by juvenile courts—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 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; '27, c. 286)

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 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. (R. L. '05 § 1945; G. S. '13 § 4161, amended '17 c. 214 § 2)
88-382, 93+3.

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 dis-

charge 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 direction, 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 inmates—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 record of military or naval service of the parents, if any, in the force of the United States, with a separate index thereof; 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] (Amended '27, c. 284)

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]

Explanatory note—Laws '17, c. 214, § 5 repeals G. S. '13, §§ 4155, 4156, 4158 to 4160, 4162 and 4169.

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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