

## CHAPTER 236.

## PUBLIC RECREATION AND PLAY GROUNDS.

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AN ACT to empower school boards, under stated conditions, to purchase or lease for stated educational purposes comprised under the term park life tracts of land and to improve the same for the purpose of establishing thereon summer homes or school for children who desire to continue their studies in useful pursuits throughout the year, and to define the purposes, functions and objects of such schools.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

SECTION 1. Acquisition by school boards of grounds for school garden or farm, etc. The school board in cities including cities under special charters and commission form, having a population of twenty thousand or more, is hereby empowered to purchase or lease for educational purposes a tract of land outside of the boundaries of such city, for a school garden or school farm in like manner and under the same restrictions as in the case of school property in the said city and to erect suitable buildings thereon, and to furnish the same, and to appoint managers in a suitable manner. The said tract of land to be maintained for the purpose of providing a summer home for pupils of the city who may desire to continue their study all the year round, and for supplying to them an opportunity to perform productive work in such vocational lines as agronomy, olericulture, viticulture, apiculture, pomology, agriculture, and the auxiliary arts, carpentry, masonry, and any other wholesome and voluntary employment, and to diversify such work with open air exercises and recreations of both physical and intellectual character; also for enabling the pupils of the elementary schools and of the high school opportunities for visitation and observational study at all seasons in connection with their school work; it being the intent and purpose of this statute to develop in the state of Iowa the educational principle and work commonly comprised in the name "Park Life", as exemplified experimentally and discussed educationally and sociologically in this state.

Where such school garden or school farm is maintained, the said school board shall seek to correlate its functions with the regular work of the schools in the most practical and efficient manner.

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