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money in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to be available July 1, 1919, the sum of twenty-three thousand dollars (\$23,000.00) for the purpose of providing for the completion of the increase and improvement of the water supply at the state hospital for the insane at Cherokee, authorized by chapter two hundred and seventy-one (271) of the acts of the thirty-seventh general assembly. All money appropriated by this act shall be drawn from the state treasury and expended in the manner provided by chapter eleven-b (11-b), title thirteen (13), supplement to the code, 1913.

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CHAPTER 120.

COMPULSORY EDUCATION OF DEAF AND BLIND CHILDREN.

H. F. 257.

AN ACT to repeal sections twenty-seven hundred eighteen-c (2718-c), twenty-seven hundred eighteen-d (2718-d), twenty-seven hundred eighteen-e (2718-e), and twenty-seven hundred eighteen-f (2718-f), supplement to the code, 1913, and to enact substitutes therefor and relating to the required attendance of deaf children and blind children at the respective state schools, and for excuse therefrom, and providing a penalty for falling to comply with the provisions of this act, and appropriating funds for carrying out provisions of this act, including the compensation of agent to enforce provisions of this act.

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

- SECTION 1. Deaf children—compulsory education—exemption.

 1 Children, residents of the state, between the ages of seven and nine
 2 teen years, who are so deaf as to be unable to obtain an education in

 3 the common schools must be sent each by his parents or guardian to

 4 attend the Iowa school for the deaf, unless exempted as hereinafter

 5 provided.
 - SEC. 2. Inducing or encouraging absence—penalty for. Any person having such a child under his control and who fails to comply with any of the provisions of this act and any person who induces or attempts to induce any deaf child to absent himself or herself from school or employs or harbors any such child while such school is in session shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be imprisoned in the county jail not more than thirty days or be fined not to exceed one hundred dollars.
 - SEC. 3. Attendance excused—conditions. The superintendent of the Iowa school for the deaf, with the approval of the state board of education in the individual case, may excuse attendance when satisfied:
- a. That the child is in such bodily or mental condition as to prevent or render futile his or her attendance at school.
- b. That the child is so diseased or possesses such habits as to render his or her presence a menace to the health or morals of other pupils.

- c. That the child is a regular attendant at a day school for the deaf maintained under the provisions of chapter three hundred eight (308) of the acts of the thirty-seventh general assembly, or is efficiently taught for the scholastic year in a private or other school devoted to instruction of the deaf, or by a private tutor, the branches taught in the public schools.
- SEC. 4. Agent—duties—compensation, etc. That the state board of education be and is hereby authorized to employ an agent to aid in 3 the enforcement of the provisions of this act. It shall be the duty of 4 such agent under the direction of the state board of education to seek 5 out children who should be in attendance at the school for the deaf and 6 who are not in such attendance, and see to it that they are properly 7 enrolled and installed as students in such school unless exempted as 8 heretofore provided, and to file information against and to appear in 9 proceedings against any person or persons who may interfere or attempt to interfere with the carrying out of the provisions of this act. 10 11 Such agent shall be allowed compensation at a rate fixed by the state 12 board of education and also necessary actual traveling and hotel 13 expenses while away from home in the performance of such duty.
 - SEC. 5. Appropriation—when available—how drawn. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act there is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, such sum as may be necessary, and such appropriation shall be available for the school year 1919-1920 and annually thereafter, and warrants against the same shall be drawn by the auditor of state upon certification by the state board of education, when passed by the state board of audit.
 - SEC. 6. Repeal. That sections twenty-seven hundred eighteen-c (2718-c), twenty-seven hundred eighteen-d (2718-d), twenty-seven hundred eighteen-e (2718-e), and twenty-seven hundred eighteen-f (2718-f), supplement to the code, 1913, be and the same is hereby repealed.
 - SEC. 7. Blind children—provisions applicable—agent—duties. The provisions of this act shall apply likewise to blind children of the state of like ages with regard to attendance at the college for the blind, and the agent appointed by the state board of education under section four (4) of this act shall perform the same duties with regard to blind children as those imposed herein with regard to deaf children.

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