

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO PROTECT AND CONSERVE THE HEALTH AND LIVES OF SCHOOL CHILDREN AND PROMOTE THEIR EFFICIENCY BY PROVIDING FOR THEIR MEDICAL INSPECTION AND SUBSEQUENT NECESSARY TREATMENT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1.—Schools—Medical Inspection of Children. That all school boards are herewith
2 permitted and recommended to institute medical inspection of school children at any time.
3 The said boards may require teachers to annually test the sight and hearing of all school
4 children under their charge, the said tests and uses thereof to be made according to the rules
5 hereinafter authorized.

Sec. 2.—Medical Inspection Defined. That the term, medical inspection, as used in this
2 act, shall be held to mean the testing of the sight and hearing of school children and the in-
3 spection of said children by school physicians or nurses, working under the direction and
4 guidance of school physicians, for disease, disabilities, decayed teeth or other defects, which
5 may reduce efficiency or tend to prevent their receiving the full benefit of school work.

Sec. 3.—School Physician—Appointment—Compensation. That beginning with the school
2 year 1914, school boards may appoint at least one school physician for each school district:
3 provided, where practicable, two or more school districts may unite and employ one such phy-
4 sician, whose duties shall be such as are prescribed in this act and the authorized rules, but
5 no physician shall have more than two thousand (2,000) school children under his charge.
6 Said school physicians shall be graduates of a reputable medical college, recognized by the
7 state board of medical examiners, shall hold a license to practice medicine in Iowa, and
8 shall be informed and skilled in medical inspection of children, informed in the health laws
9 and health rules of the state board of health, shall be temperate, able-bodied, cleanly in per-
10 son, not addicted to drugs or liquors, and of good moral character, and not others shall be
11 appointed. School physicians may be discharged by the appointing power at any time.
12 School physicians shall serve one year and until their successors are appointed, and shall re-
13 ceive such compensation as the appointing board may determine and shall be paid from the
14 teachers' fund as teachers are paid.

Sec. 4.—Physicians' Duties. That school physicians shall make prompt examination and
2 diagnosis of all children referred to them and such further examination of teachers, jani-
3 tors and school buildings as in their opinion the protection of the health of the pupils and

4 teachers may require. Whenever a school child is found to be ill or suffering from any phy-
5 sical defect, the school physician shall promptly send it home, with a note to parents or guard-
6 ians, briefly setting forth the discovered facts, and advising that the family physician be
7 consulted. If the parent or guardians are so poor as to be unable to give the relief that is
8 necessary, then the school board shall provide the necessary relief: Provided, that in cities
9 where public dispensaries exist, the relief shall be given by said dispensaries. School physi-
10 cians shall keep accurate card-index records of all examinations, and said records, that they
11 may be uniform throughout the state, shall be according to the form prescribed by the rules
12 authorized in this act, and the method and manner of reports to be made shall be according
13 to said rules: Provided, however, that if the parents or guardian of any school child shall
14 at the beginning of the school year furnish the written certificate of any reputable physi-
15 cian that the child has been examined and parents notified of the results of such examina-
16 tion in such cases, the services of the medical inspector herein provided shall be dispensed
17 with, and such certificate shall be furnished by such parent or guardian from time to time,
18 as required by the school board having charge of such schools.

Sec. 5.—Rules for Enforcement. That the department of public instruction and the state
2 board of health, shall jointly pass rules for the detail enforcement of the purposes of this act,
3 which rules shall bear the printed approval and seals of both said departments, the said
4 rules to be printed and promulgated by the state, as other printed matter is done by the state;
5 promulgation to consist in supplying a reasonable number of copies to each county superin-
6 tendent from whom all who are interested may procure a copy.

Sec. 6.—Penalty. That all violations of this act, except as otherwise provided, shall be pun-
2 ishable by a fine of not less than ten (10) or more than fifty (50) dollars.