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March 27, 1945.
Appropriation.

By COMMITTEE ON MILITARY
AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS.

A BILL FOR

An Act to provide for the administration and supervision of the retraining and education within the state of Iowa of returning veterans of World War II as provided for under the acts of the Congress of the United States and contracts and agreements made thereunder with the federal government and to provide funds to carry out the provisions of this act.

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States has made provision for the retraining and further education of returning veterans of the present war in the passage of Public Law No. 346, which is now in effect; and,

WHEREAS, Under the provisions of this act and pursuant to the request of the administrator of the veteran's bureau the Governor of this state has designated the state department of public instruction to represent the state of Iowa in the administration of the proposed program; and,

WHEREAS, Already veterans are returning in great numbers and seeking advice, council and help in regard to their retraining programs and that later this number will go into thousands; and,

WHEREAS, There is no other recognized agency authorized to administer such a program; Now, Therefore

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

- 1 Section 1. There is hereby established in the office of
- 2 the state superintendent of public instruction a division of
- 3 veterans education which shall assume the responsibility for
- 4 administering, inspecting, and overseeing the retraining and

5 education of returning veterans of World War II as provided
6 in the acts of Congress in Public Law No. 346.

1 Sec. 2. Subject to the provisions of this act the
2 department of public instruction acting by and through the
3 superintendent of public instruction is hereby authorized
4 to enter into an agreement, or agreements, with the veterans
5 administration, or any other agency of the federal government
6 for the education of veterans in any of the schools and colleges
7 of the public school system. Such contracts shall provide for
8 payment to such schools and colleges through the department
9 of public instruction, or otherwise, of the maximum amount
10 permitted by the act, or acts, of Congress under which the
11 agreement, or agreements, is entered into by the veterans
12 administration, or any other agency of the federal government
13 in connection with the education or training of veterans.

1 Sec. 3. The department of public instruction through the
2 superintendent of public instruction is authorized to enter into
3 agreements with governing boards of school districts for the
4 education by such districts of veterans in accordance with the
5 agreement between the department of public instruction and the
6 agency of the federal government.

1 Sec. 4. The superintendent of public instruction is vested
2 with all necessary power and authority to cooperate with any
3 such agency of the federal government in the administration of
4 any applicable act of Congress and rules and regulations
5 adopted thereunder pertaining to the education of veterans.

1 Sec. 5. The department of public instruction shall
2 exercise general supervision over, and shall provide for the
3 coordination of, all services and facilities performed and
4 provided by school districts, colleges, private trade schools,
5 and independent establishments engaged in the training of
6 veterans, to the end that the needs of the veterans shall be
7 met in the most adequate manner and the objectives in Public
8 Law No. 346 be attained.

1 Sec. 6. The superintendent of public instruction is
2 further authorized to employ as many competent and well
3 qualified persons as are necessary to assist in carrying out
4 the intent of the act of Congress as expressed in said act;
5 to organize the program; inspect the equipment; approve the
6 qualifications of the instructors; and such other matters as
7 pertain to the successful establishment and operation of the
8 program; and to certify to the veterans administration such
9 schools, institutions, establishments, and places that he
10 deems qualified to give such education or training under the
11 provisions of Public Law No. 346.

1 Sec. 7. There is hereby appropriated from any funds in
2 the state treasury not otherwise obligated, for this purpose
3 the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) to
4 be immediately available upon this act becoming effective, and
5 the sum of eight thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$8,750.00)
6 for each year of the biennium. Any funds appropriated by
7 Congress for the administration of this Act shall be credited

8 to the fund.

1 Sec. 8. The state superintendent of public instruction
2 is authorized to employ necessary clerical help and the actual
3 and necessary traveling expenses incurred by the superintendent
4 and employees of the veterans education division incurred in
5 the performance of their official duties shall be allowed
6 from the funds appropriated.

1 Sec. 9. The state superintendent of public instruction
2 shall cause to be kept a complete and accurate record of all
3 expenditures made in the administration of this act and shall
4 annually furnish the Government a complete report of the same.
5 After all expenses of administration have been paid as pro-
6 vided, any funds remaining unexpended shall revert to the
7 general fund of the state at the end of the biennium.

1 Sec. 10. This act being deemed of immediate importance
2 shall be in full force and effect upon its publication in
3 Advocate Republican, a newspaper published at
4 Audubon, Iowa, and the Logan-Herald-Observer,
5 a newspaper published at Logan, Iowa.

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 470

When the "G. I." bill passed the Congress it contained no provision for local administration of the education and training of veterans but left it up to the several states. The head of the Veterans Administration, General Hines, requested the Governor to designate an agency, and the Governor designated the Department of Public Instruction. The various training programs must be inspected by competent persons before the government will permit the veteran to receive training. The bill also authorizes the State Department to enter into contracts with the Veterans Administration for the various public schools in order not to have the federal government contracting with hundreds of separate schools. It carries an appropriation of \$20,000 for the biennium to finance the program.