

SEC. 2. Bonds. The board of directors of any school corporation may issue the bonds of said corporation to pay any judgment against said corporation or any indebtedness under bonds lawfully issued and redeemable by their terms, to be known as school funding bonds. The board may also issue bonds to be known as school tax funding bonds to the extent of any uncollected lawful school house tax duly authorized by the voters, to be paid out of said tax when said tax is collected. All of said bonds shall be authorized by resolution of the board. The board may also, when authorized by the voters, issue bonds to be known as school building bonds for the purpose of providing funds for the erection, completion or improvement of school houses, and the purchase of sites therefor. Each of such classes of bonds shall be substantially in the form provided for county bonds, but subject to changes that will conform them to the action of the board providing therefor, shall not run more than ten years, be in denominations of not more than one thousand nor less than one hundred dollars, and bear a rate of interest not exceeding six per cent per annum, payable semi-annually to be signed by the president and countersigned by the secretary, and shall not be disposed of for less than par value, nor issued for other purposes than in this section provided. They shall be payable, respectively, at the pleasure of such corporation at any time after the expiration of five years, but may be sooner paid if so nominated in the bonds, be registered in the office of the county auditor, numbered consecutively, and redeemable in the order of their issuance. Upon being issued they shall be delivered to the treasurer thereof, the president taking receipt therefor, and thereupon the treasurer shall stand charged on his official bond with their amount. He shall sell the bonds for not less than par value and apply the proceeds thereof in payment of outstanding indebtedness, and for no other purpose than in this act authorized, or he may exchange the new bonds for outstanding bonds without discount, the cost of engraving and printing the bonds to be paid out of the contingent fund. The treasurer shall keep a record of the name and postoffice address of all persons to whom bonds are sold. The provisions relating to payment of county bonds and notice to the owner thereof shall also apply to school bonds issued under this act.

Approved April 12, 1902.

CHAPTER 128.

COMPULSORY EDUCATION.

H. F. 170.

AN ACT for compulsory education. [Additional to title thirteen (XIII) of the code, relating to education.]

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

SECTION 1. Duties of parents or guardians—penalty. Any person having control of any child of the age of seven (7) to fourteen (14) years inclusive, in proper physical and mental condition to attend school, shall cause such child to attend some public, private, or parochial school, where the common school branches of reading, writing, spelling, arithmetic, grammar, geography, physiology, and United States history are taught, or to attend upon equivalent instruction by a competent teacher elsewhere than school, for at least twelve (12) consecutive school weeks in each school year. Provided, that this section shall not apply to any child who lives more than two (2) miles from any school by the nearest traveled road except in those districts in which the pupils are transported at public expense, or who is excused for sufficient reasons by any court of record or judge thereof. Any person who shall violate the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall pay a fine of not less than three (\$3) dollars nor more than twenty (\$20) dollars, for each offense.

SEC. 2. Reports to secretary. Upon notice from the secretary of the school corporation within which such school is conducted, it shall be the duty of each principal of each private or parochial school, once during each school year, and at any time when requested in individual cases, and within ten days from the receipt of such notice, to furnish to such secretary a certificate and report of the names, ages and attendance of the pupils in attendance at such school during the preceding year and from the time of the last preceding report to the time at which a report is required and any person having the control of any child between seven and fourteen years of age inclusive, who shall place the same under private instruction, not in a regularly conducted school, upon receiving notice from the secretary of the school corporation, shall furnish a like certificate stating the name and age of such child and the period of time during which said child has been under said private instruction; and any person having the control of such child who is physically or mentally unable to attend school, public or private, shall furnish proofs by affidavit or affidavits as to the physical or mental condition of such child. All such certificates, reports and proofs shall be filed and preserved in the office of the secretary of the school corporation as a part of the records of his office.

SEC. 3. Certified copies. It shall be the duty of the secretary of the school corporation to furnish to any person interested, where so requested, certified copies of all certificates contemplated by this act, on file in his office.

SEC. 4. Truant schools. The board of directors of any school corporation may establish truant schools, or set apart separate rooms in any public school building, for the instruction of children who are habitually truant from instruction, as contemplated by this act. Such directors may provide for the confinement, maintenance, and instruction of such children in such schools, under such reasonable rules and regulations as they may prescribe. If any child, committed or sent to the truant school shall prove insubordinate and escape from such school during school hours, or absent himself or herself therefrom without the consent of the persons in charge thereof, then it shall be the duty of the person in charge of said school with the consent of the parent or guardian to file information before the judge of a court of record, who may, if the charge be found to be true and the said child be habitually vagrant, disorderly, or incorrigible commit such child to one of the industrial schools of the state, under the same proceeding as is provided by section twenty-seven hundred eight (2708), of the code so far as the same may be applicable.

SEC. 5. Truant officers. The board of directors of each school corporation may, at their annual meeting in each year, appoint one or more truant officers, who shall serve for one year, and who may be a constable or a member of the police force, whose duty it shall be to report violations of this act to the secretary of the school corporation, and see to the enforcement of the provisions of this act. It shall be the duty of said truant officer or officers to apprehend and take into custody without warrant any child of the age of seven (7) to fourteen (14) years inclusive, who habitually frequents or loiters about public places during school hours without lawful occupation, or cannot produce a certificate as provided in section two (2) hereof, also any truant child who absents himself or herself from school, and place him or her in charge of the teacher having charge of any school, which said child is entitled to attend, and which school may be designated to said officers by the person having legal control of such child: Provided however in case the school so designated by the parent or person having the care and control of said child be a public school it shall be such as directed by the rules and regulations of the school board and the statutes of the state, and if other than a public school, the maintenance of said child in such school shall be without expense to the school corporation or state. Upon failure of such child to properly attend or when on report of the teacher having the custody of such child, said child is shown to not properly conduct itself in the school where placed as

herein provided, the child may be removed therefrom by the board of directors and placed either in a public school or a truant school conducted in said district. The truant officer or officers shall be entitled to such compensation for service rendered under this act, as shall be fixed by the board of directors appointing him or them, which compensation shall be paid from the contingent fund of said district.

SEC. 6. Enforcement. It shall be the duty of the director or president of any board of directors, or any truant officers appointed by such board of directors, to enforce the provisions of this act, to sue for and recover the penalties herein provided, and to institute criminal prosecution against any person violating the provisions of this act, and any such officers neglecting to do so within thirty (30) days after a written notice has been served upon him by any citizen of said district within which the offending person shall reside, shall himself be liable for a fine of not less than ten (\$10) dollars nor more than twenty (\$20) dollars for each offense.

SEC. 7. Teachers and school officers—duties. All teachers of the public schools of the state, and county superintendents, and school officers and employes shall promptly report to the secretary of the school corporation any violations of the provisions of this act, of which they have knowledge or information, and he shall promptly inform the president of the board of directors thereof and such president shall, if necessary, call a meeting of the board of directors to take such action thereon as the facts shall justify, and any child placed in any truant school may be discharged therefrom at the discretion of the board, upon sufficient assurance of the future good conduct of such child.

SEC. 8. Provisions for punishment. The board of directors of every school corporation is hereby authorized to provide such reasonable methods of punishment of children who are habitually truant from school, or who habitually frequent or loiter about public places during school hours without lawful occupation, as may be necessary to carry out and make effectual the provisions of this act.

SEC. 9. School census. It shall be the duty of all officers, empowered to take the school census, to ascertain the number of children of the ages of seven (7) to fourteen (14) years, inclusive, in their respective districts, the number of such children who do not attend school, and so far as possible, the cause of failure to attend school.

Approved April 1, 1902.

CHAPTER 129.

BUSHEL WEIGHTS.

H. F. 214.

AN ACT to amend section three thousand and sixteen (3016) of the code, relating to bushel weight.

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

SECTION 1. Bushel by weight. That section three thousand and sixteen (3016) be and the same is hereby amended by striking out the word "forty-eight" in the twenty-ninth line and inserting the word "fifty" in lieu thereof. The same be and the same is hereby amended further by striking out the word "forty-eight" in the thirtieth line and inserting the word "fifty" in lieu thereof.

Approved March 22, 1902.