

## CHAPTER 151.

[S. B. 211.]

## COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE IN PART-TIME SCHOOLS.

AN ACT to provide for the establishment of Part-Time Schools and classes and to define conditions under which attendance therein shall be compulsory.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

SECTION 1. For the purpose of this act the person or persons designated by the board of school directors in districts of the first class and of the second class and the county superintendent of schools or person or persons designated by him acting for districts of the third class shall be known as permit officers. The State Board for Vocational Education shall be referred to as the State Board and the Federal Board for Vocational Education shall be referred to as the Federal Board.

SEC. 2. All minors of the state residing or employed in school districts of the state in which part-time schools are maintained, as hereinafter provided, shall attend school until the age of eighteen (18) years unless (1) they are graduates from a four year high school course or its equivalent, (2) they are in a part-time school and are employed in accordance with the terms of any state or federal act regulating the employment of such minors under the age of eighteen (18) years, (3) shall have been excused from school attendance in accordance with the provisions of this act.

SEC. 3. Any minor fourteen years of age and under eighteen years of age who has completed the eighth grade or who in the judgment of the superintendent of schools for districts of first and second class or of the county superintendent for districts of the third class can not profitably pursue further

Minors ex-  
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compulsory  
attendance.

Issuance of  
employment  
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regular school work as evidenced by statements filed with such superintendent; and any minor fifteen years of age and under eighteen years of age may apply to the board of school directors or the permit officer for the district where such minor resides for permission to leave school and to enter upon employment and if upon investigation said board of school directors or permit officer finds that the needs of the family or the welfare of such minor require it, and if in the judgment of such board of school directors or permit officer such minor may legally engage in such employment the said board of school directors or permit officer shall issue an employment permit which shall state the age of the minor as shown by the school register, the grade attained in school, and the person, firm or corporation which is to employ the minor. The board of school directors or the permit officer shall have power and in all cases, of reasonable doubt it shall be their duty to require additional proofs of the age of minors seeking permission to leave school and enter upon employment. The term "employment" as used in this act shall be interpreted to include such home occupation, home study or private instruction under the supervision and direction of a responsible parent or guardian as may be approved by the Board of School directors or permit officers.

"Employment" defined.

SEC. 4. Any person, firm or corporation employing any minor under the age of eighteen years, except during vacation, shall require the permit as set forth in Section 3 of this act from the minor it proposes to take into its employment and shall keep such permit on file during the employment of such minor and shall within ten (10) days after the beginning of such employment, report to the board of school directors or the permit officer upon blanks furnished by him or them, the fact of such employment, and upon the termination of the employment

Duties of employer of minors.

of such minor shall return such permit to the proper school authorities within ten (10) days after the termination of such employment.

Records  
of permits.

SEC. 5. For districts of the first and second class the boards of school directors or person or persons designated by them and for districts of the third class the county superintendent shall keep a record of all permits issued and the data contained in such permits and shall submit to the Superintendent of Public Instruction duplicate copies of such records on the first day of October, January, April, and July of each year and the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall in turn furnish a copy of such records to the State Commissioner of Labor.

Establish-  
ment of  
part-time  
schools.

SEC. 6. Boards of school directors in all organized school districts, upon the written request of twenty-five (25) or more adult bona fide residents of such districts, may, within one year from date of such request, establish part-time schools or classes when there are fifteen (15) or more minors over fourteen years of age and under eighteen years of age resident or employed in such districts and who are not in attendance upon a regular full-time school and who would, by the provisions of this act, be required to attend such part-time schools or classes. All part-time schools or classes established under this act shall be held at least four hours per week during the weeks when the public schools of the district are in session, and such schools or classes shall be conducted between the hours of eight A. M. and five P. M. on school days, or between the hours of eight A. M. and twelve-thirty P. M. on Saturdays. It shall be the duty of the board of school directors in organizing part-time schools or classes which are to participate in federal funds available for the encouragement of vocational education to provide equipment, instruction and courses of study

Vocational  
training.

in accordance with the plans of the State Board approved by the Federal Board.

SEC. 7. Whenever a part-time school or class is established and maintained in accordance with this act by the district in which any minor under eighteen years of age resides or in which he is employed, the parent, guardian or other person having control or charge of such minor shall cause him or her to attend such part-time school or class at least four hours per week during the time the public schools of the district where such school or class is located are in session, unless (1) such minor is in attendance upon a regular full-time day school supported by either public or private funds, or (2) shall have completed a four-year high school course, or its equivalent or (3) is in attendance upon a part-time school maintained in accordance with the provisions of this act, and approved by the State Board although not qualifying for reimbursement, or (4) shall have been excused by the board of school directors or permit officer for the district in which such minor resides upon a certificate of a reputable physician or the recognized medical authority of the district stating that such attendance upon the part-time school or class would be injurious to the health of such minor, or (5) shall have been excused under the provisions of Section 3 of this act. Any parent, guardian or other person having control or charge of any such minor and failing to comply with the provisions of this act shall be liable upon conviction to be punished by a fine of not less than five dollars (\$5.00), or more than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each such offense, or by imprisonment in the county or city jail not less than one day nor more than ten days or both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court.

Required  
attendance  
of minors.

Penalty for  
failure to  
comply  
with act.

SEC. 8. Whenever the number of hours for which minors less than eighteen years of age may be em-

School attendance counted as part of hours of labor.

ployed shall be fixed by federal or state law the hours of attendance upon a part-time school or class organized in accordance with the terms of this act shall be counted as a part of the number of hours fixed for legal employment by federal or state law.

Employers to permit school attendance.

SEC. 9. Any person, firm or corporation employing a minor less than eighteen years of age, except during vacation, shall permit the attendance of such minor upon a part-time school or class for at least four hours per week whenever such part-time school or class shall have been established in the district where such minor resides or may be employed, and any person, firm or corporation employing any minor less than eighteen years of age contrary to the provisions of this act shall be subject to a fine of not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) and not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each offense, or by imprisonment in the county or city jail not less than one day and not more than ten days or by both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court.

Penalty for failure.

Application of act.

SEC. 10. The requirement of attendance upon part-time schools or classes provided for in this act shall not apply to minors who were regularly and legally employed during the school year ending June 30, 1919.

Rules and regulations.

SEC. 11. The State Board shall establish rules and regulations governing the organization, courses and maintenance of part-time schools or classes and shall prescribe the form of the necessary blanks to enable the districts to carry out the provisions of this act.

Reimbursement of expense.

SEC. 12. Whenever any part-time schools or classes shall have been established in accordance with the provisions of this act and the rules and regulations established by the State Board and shall have been approved by the State Board, the

district shall be entitled to reimbursement from federal funds available for the provisions of vocational education for the expenditures made for the salaries of teachers of such part-time schools or classes and such reimbursement shall be apportioned by the State Board.

SEC. 13. The officer charged by law with the responsibility for enforcement of attendance upon regular public schools of children over eight (8) years of age shall also be charged with the responsibility for the enforcement of attendance upon part-time schools or classes of minors over fourteen (14) and under eighteen (18) years of age in accordance with the provisions of this act.

Enforcement  
of attend-  
ance.

SEC. 14. All acts and parts of acts in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Repealing  
clause.

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Approved by the Governor March 18, 1919.

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## CHAPTER 152.

[S. B. 70.]

### DESTRUCTION OF ANIMAL PESTS INJURIOUS TO AGRICULTURE.

AN ACT relating to the destruction or extermination of rodents and other animal pests detrimental to the agricultural interests in any community, providing a fund therefor, the creation of pest districts, and the levying of taxes or assessments thereon.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of  
Washington:*

SECTION 1. For the purpose of destroying or exterminating squirrels, prairie dogs, gophers, moles or other rodents, or of rabbits or any predatory animals that destroy or interfere with the

Agricultural  
pest  
districts.