

## CHAPTER 154.

[S. H. B. 60.]

## EDUCATION: ASSISTANCE FOR BLIND STUDENTS.

AN ACT providing assistance for blind students attending state institutions of higher learning within the State of Washington; appropriating money therefor; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. A blind student is defined for the purpose of this act to be a blind person who by reason of studies which he has previously pursued, is entitled to admission to an institution of higher learning within the State of Washington, and who by reason of said blindness is unable to earn a livelihood and has no relatives whose legal duty it is to provide support, or is without means of support. Such blind student must have been a bona fide resident of the State of Washington for four consecutive years next preceding the date upon which he receives any of the benefits to which he is entitled under the provisions of this act.

Defining blind person; qualifications for benefits.

SEC. 2. There is hereby allocated to each and every blind student attending any state institution of higher learning within the State of Washington, a sum not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) per year, or so much thereof as may be necessary in the opinion of the board administering this act, to provide said blind student with readers and books while attending said institution of higher learning; said allocation to be made out of the moneys in the general fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purposes aforesaid.

Allocation to blind students.

SEC. 3. All money or moneys necessary to carry out the provisions of this act shall be distributed under the supervision of the state board of educa-

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tion of the State of Washington. The moneys allocated in the manner more particularly referred to in the section next preceding this shall be paid by said state board of education directly to the person, firm or corporation furnishing said books or supplying said reading services: *Provided, however,* That any portion of said annual allowance for the use of any such blind student which is unexpended for readers and books may, in the discretion of said state board, be by it used for the purpose of defraying personal living expenses of said blind student while attending said state institution of higher learning: *And provided further,* That no such blind student shall be charged any tuition or laboratory fee while attending any such institution.

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SEC. 4. The state board of education shall have power to prescribe and enforce all rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

Effective  
immediately.

SEC. 5. This act is necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the state government and shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Passed the House March 11, 1935.

Passed the Senate March 14, 1935.

Approved by the Governor March 21, 1935.