

CHAPTER 127.

[S. B. 106.]

INCLUSION OF KINDERGARTENS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM.

AN ACT relating to free kindergartens and amending section 4740 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington.

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

SECTION 1. That section 4740 of Rem. & Bal. Code be amended to read as follows:

Section 4740. The cost of establishing and maintaining such kindergartens shall be paid from the general school fund of the district. It shall be the duty of teachers, city superintendents, district clerks and county superintendents to respectively report as other school attendance is reported, the attendance of all children five years of age or over at such kindergartens, and it shall thereupon be the duty of the superintendent of public instruction to make apportionment to the proper counties of the current state school fund and of the respective county superintendents to apportion to the districts entitled thereto such funds as are now apportioned by such officers, and on making such apportionments to consider and allow one-half credit for such kindergarten attendance to the same extent as credit is allowed for attendance in primary or grammar grades: *Provided, however,* That credit for kindergarten attendance shall be based on a three-hour day: *Provided,* That for the purposes of this act, an attendance of two (2) hours shall be credited as one-half day. Such kindergartens shall constitute a part of the common school system and shall be open to all children of proper age resident in the district maintaining same. It shall be the duty of all district clerks to include children four years of age and over in the enumeration of the annual school census with like effect as children of higher age are now included therein.

Passed the Senate March 2, 1917.

Passed the House March 6, 1917.

Approved by the Governor March 14, 1917.

Costs paid
from district
school fund.

Apportion-
ment of
funds.

Attendance
credits.

School
census to
include
children
four years
of age.