

## CHAPTER 54.

[ H. B. 146. ]

## ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR OPERATION OF COMMON SCHOOLS.

AN ACT declaring the legislative intent, relating to education, providing for extension of school district budgets, making an appropriation therefor and declaring an emergency.

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

Declaration of intent.

SECTION 1. Because of the rising costs of living and the war emergency, it is hereby declared to be the intent of the legislature to provide necessary additional funds for the operation of the common schools of the state during the remainder of the school fiscal year and to provide necessary funds to carry out the purpose of this act.

School district budgets increased.

SEC. 2. The amount fixed for warrent issue in the general fund budget of each school district in the state for the school fiscal year ending June 30, 1943, is hereby increased for the purpose of permitting the board of directors of each district to increase the compensation of the employees of the district in such amount as is provided in this act for reimbursement to a school district from state funds and in any additional amount which the board of directors of the district may deem it advisable to pay out of any general fund cash reserve on hand.

Districts to be reimbursed.

SEC. 3. Any school district which shall make payments to its employees, subsequent to the date upon which this act becomes effective, in addition to the amounts designated in written contracts or in any other stipulations respecting the compensation of employees shall be reimbursed out of the appropriation provided for in this act to the extent of the additional payments so made: *Provided*, That in no case shall the reimbursement aforementioned exceed ninety dollars (\$90) for each full-time em-

Limitation.

ployee actually employed during the last three months of the current school year, and such part of ninety dollars (\$90) for each part-time employee as the time employed during such three months bears to full time: *Provided, further,* That in the case of substitute teachers the reimbursement shall not exceed the sum of one dollar fifty cents (\$1.50) per day for each day taught during such three months. Limitation.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to prescribe regulations and procedures to be employed by school district officers and by County Superintendents of Schools in determining the amount of reimbursement due the school districts of the different counties under the provisions of this act and to certify to the State Auditor the amount of such reimbursement due the school districts of each county, which amount shall be paid to the County Treasurer of the county for the credit of the school districts thereof. Regulations to be prescribed.

SEC. 5. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of one million four hundred thousand dollars (\$1,400,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, to carry out the provisions of this act. Appropriation.

SEC. 6. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health and safety, support of the state government and its existing institutions, and shall take effect immediately. Effective immediately.

Passed the House February 15, 1943.

Passed the Senate February 27, 1943.

Approved by the Governor March 3, 1943.