

CHAPTER 77.

[H. B. No. 119.]

PROVIDING FOR COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE OF CHILDREN AT SCHOOLS MAINTAINED AT THE EXPENSE OF THE UNITED STATES OR OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON.

AN ACT compelling the attendance of children at schools where tuition, lodging, food and clothing are furnished at the expense of the United States or the State of Washington.

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

SECTION 1. That whenever the government of the United States or the State of Washington shall erect, or cause to be erected and maintained, a school for general educational purposes within the State of Washington, and the expense of the tuition, lodging, food and clothing of the pupils therein is borne by the United States or the State of Washington, it shall be compulsory on the part of every parent, guardian or other person in the State of Washington having control of a child or children between the ages of five and eighteen years, eligible to attend said school, to send such child or children to said school for a period of nine months each year, or during school for a period of nine months each year, or during the annual term, unless such child or children is or are excused from such attendance by the principal or superintendent of said school, upon it being shown to the satisfaction of said principal or superintendent that the bodily or mental condition of such child or children has been and is such as to prevent his, her or their attendance at school, or application at study for the period required, or that such child or children is or are taught in the public schools, private schools, or other schools, or at home in such branches as are usually taught in the public schools: *Provided*, That in case the government of the United States or the State of Washington does not make provision for the free transportation of said child or children to and from their homes to said school, then he, she or they shall not be liable to the provisions of this act, unless they reside less than ten miles from said school.

Schools maintained by the government.

Period of attendance.

Provide as to failure to provide transportation.

Duties of principals and superintendents.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of all principals or superintendents of the school or schools mentioned in this act, before attempting to enforce the provisions of this act hereinafter mentioned to serve, or cause to be served, a demand for the attendance of certain children, naming them, and also designating the school to which their attendance is required, upon the parent, guardian or other person having charge of said child or children as may be eligible to attend said school over which he has charge, and a copy of this act; and such parent, guardian or other person having charge of said child or children shall have ten days to either deliver said child or children at said school, or to the principal or superintendent thereof, or furnish satisfactory proof that the bodily or mental condition of said child or children does not admit of attendance.

Failure of parents, etc., to comply.

SEC. 3. If at the expiration of ten days after such notice or demand the parents, guardian or other persons having charge of said child or children shall have failed or refused to comply with this act, the principal or superintendent shall cause a demand to be made upon such parent, guardian or other person for the amount of the penalty hereinafter provided; and if such parent, guardian or person shall neglect or refuse to pay the same within five days after making said demand, the superintendent or principal shall commence proceedings in the name of the State for the recovery of the fine hereinafter provided before any court having jurisdiction: *Provided*, That nothing in this act shall apply to any child or children who is or are actually and necessarily compelled to labor for the support of such parent.

Proceedings.

Exception.

Penalty.

SEC. 4. Any parent, guardian or other person having control or charge of any child or children, failing to comply with the provisions of this act shall be liable to a fine of not less than five dollars nor more than twenty-five dollars, for the first offense, nor less than ten dollars nor more than fifty dollars for the second and each subsequent offense, besides the cost of collection.

Fines.

SEC. 5. All fines collected under the provisions of this act shall be paid into the county treasury, the same to be placed to the credit of the general school fund.

SEC. 6. All acts and parts of acts in conflict with this ^{Repeal.} act are hereby repealed.

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Passed the Senate March 5, 1903.

Approved by the Governor March 12, 1903.

CHAPTER 78.

[H. B. No. 93.]

AMENDING CODE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION AND PROVIDING FOR TRUANT SCHOOLS IN CITIES OF 50,000 OR MORE INHABITANTS.

AN ACT to enable school boards in cities having a population of 50,000 or more inhabitants to establish and maintain parental or truant schools, and amending Section 92 of the Code of Public Instruction.

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

SECTION 1. In cities having a population of 50,000 in- ^{Where to be} habitants or more, there may be established, maintained ^{located.} and conducted, one or more parental or truant schools for the purpose of affording a place of confinement, discipline, instruction and maintenance of children of compulsory school age who may be committed thereto in the manner hereinafter provided.

SEC. 2. For the purpose of establishing such school or ^{Purchase of} schools, sites may be purchased and buildings constructed ^{sites and} or premises rented in the same manner as in the case of ^{buildings.} public schools in such cities. And in addition school or schools may be established and site or sites may be purchased and buildings constructed or premises rented outside of said cities: *Provided*, No school or schools shall ^{Proviso as to} be established, or sites be purchased, any buildings con- ^{distance} ^{from city.} structed or premises rented which shall be distant more than ten miles from the city so establishing or erecting said schools or purchasing said site or sites: *And, provided further*, That no school shall be erected at or near any penal institution. And it shall be the duty of the board of direc-