

CHAPTER 202.

[S. B. 25.]

TESTING OF HEARING OF SCHOOL CHILDREN.

AN ACT providing for the testing of hearing of school children; prescribing powers and duties of Boards of Directors of public schools, the Superintendent of Public Instruction; and other officers and employees.

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

Directors to provide hearing test.

SECTION 1. In addition to the duties otherwise provided by law, every board of school directors for public schools shall have the power, and it shall be its duty to provide for and require testing of the hearing of all children attending public schools in their districts to ascertain which if any of such children have defects in their hearing sufficient to retard them in their studies. Such tests shall be made annually to commence each September, and beginning in 1941: *Provided, however,* That in cities and districts with more than twenty-five thousand (25,000) children attending their schools, that tests therein may be arranged to cover all such children once within two (2) years. Such tests may be made by the health officer of the respective counties or medical directors of the schools or by competent persons provided by them; otherwise, the tests may be made by the superintendents, principals, or teachers of the respective schools.

Proviso.

Co. Health Officer may make tests.

Record of test made.

Copies sent.

SEC. 2. The person completing such tests shall promptly prepare a record of the test of each child found to be hard of hearing, and send copies of such record to the parents or guardians of such children, and to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and to the State Director of Health, and deliver the original record to the teachers in charge of such children, and such teachers shall preserve such records, and give special attention to said children with de-

fective hearing and assist them toward making their grades in studies with their classes.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, after consultation with the State Director of Health, to prepare and distribute to the school boards or to the respective County School Superintendents for them, suitable rules and directions, together with blanks, cards, records, and forms to be used in making and reporting such tests.

Duty of
State Supt.

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CHAPTER 203.

[S. B. 50.]

REQUIRING TEACHING OF UNITED STATES AND WASHINGTON STATE HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT.

AN Act relating to education; providing for the promotion of good citizenship by requiring the prescribing and teaching of a course of study in United States and Washington State histories and governments as a prerequisite to graduation; and repealing chapter 22, Laws of 1919, (sections 4897 and 4898, Remington's Revised Statutes; sections 4730 and 4731, Pierce's Code).

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

SECTION 1. To promote good citizenship and a greater interest in and better understanding of our national and state institutions and system of government, the State Board of Education shall prescribe a one-year course of study in the history and government of the United States of America, and the equivalent of a one-semester course of study in State of Washington history and government. No person shall be graduated from any eighth grade or high school without completing such courses of study.

Compulsory
course in
U. S. and
State
History.

Requirement
of grade
school.