

SEC. 8. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect on April 1, 1945. Effective immediately.

Passed the House February 28, 1945.

Passed the Senate March 7, 1945.

Approved by the Governor March 16, 1945.

CHAPTER 247.

[H. B. 88.]

NURSERY SCHOOLS.

AN ACT relating to education, providing for the establishment of nursery schools and schools for the care of children of working mothers, authorizing school districts to operate such schools as a part of their common school program, amending section 1, chapter 220, Laws of 1943, and repealing section 6, chapter 220, Laws of 1943, establishing a Division of Recreation; authorizing school districts to operate recreation programs; providing special aid therefor; providing advisory committees; authorizing the receipt and administration of Federal funds; making an appropriation and providing for disbursements therefrom, and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1, chapter 220, Laws of 1943, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Nursery schools authorized.

Section 1. The Board of Directors of any school district shall have the power to establish and maintain nursery schools and to provide before and after school and vacation care in connection with the common schools of said district located at such points as the Board shall deem most suitable for the convenience of the public, for the care and instruction of infants and children residing in said district. The Board shall establish such courses, activities, rules, and regulations governing nursery schools and be-

fore and after school care as it may deem best: *Provided, however,* That these courses and activities shall meet the minimum standard for nursery schools as established by the United States Children's Bureau and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. The Board of Directors may fix a reasonable charge for the care and instruction of children attending such schools. The Board may, if necessary, supplement such funds as are received from the said Superintendent of Public Instruction or any agency of the Federal Government, by an appropriation from the General School Fund of the district.

Act repealed. SEC. 2. Section 6, chapter 220, Laws of 1943, is hereby repealed.

Division of Recreation. SEC. 3. There is hereby established in the office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction a division of special educational service, to be known as the Division of Recreation.

Supervisor. SEC. 4. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall appoint a Supervisor who shall be qualified for such position by training and experience, and shall fix his salary. The Supervisor shall coordinate and supervise the programs of recreation operated by the school districts of the state. He shall cooperate with County Superintendents of Schools and with school district officers and teachers and encourage the establishment of local recreation programs. He shall also meet with and consult with recreation committees as provided in section 7 of this act.

Recreational services authorized. SEC. 5. School district officers and teachers shall cooperate with the Superintendent of Public Instruction and with the Supervisor, and school districts may give such recreation services as their facilities will permit. School districts may purchase and own recreation equipment and facilities, with the approval of the Supervisor, and may pay

for the same out of their general fund budgets. They may employ special recreation instructors, with the approval of the Supervisor, and may pay their salaries and compensation out of their general fund budgets. Such expenditures may be partially or wholly reimbursed from funds appropriated under section 8 of this act under rules and regulations established by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Instructors.

SEC. 6. Any school district may, with the approval of the Supervisor, extend its recreation program to include adults residing within the district or community when the welfare of the district or community will be subserved thereby, provided the cost of such extended recreation program to include adults in any school district shall not be paid from any school district funds other than receipts from allocations made by the Superintendent of Public Instruction to such school district from the appropriation herein provided or Federal or other funds made available for that purpose.

Extension of program.

SEC. 7. School district officers and the County Superintendents of Schools may appoint local and/or county advisory recreation committees or designate existing community committees, with the advice of the Supervisor. Such advisory recreation committees shall be appointed from representatives of public and private youth serving agencies and citizens interested in the educational and social welfare of children and adults. The duties of advisory recreation committees shall be to meet with school district officers and the Supervisor for the purpose of discussing and planning the establishment and operation of recreation programs.

Advisory committees.

SEC. 8. To carry out the purpose of section 9 of this act, there is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the Superintendent of Public Instruction the sum of two hundred fifty thousand

Appropriation.

dollars (\$250,000). Expenditures under this appropriation shall be made by warrants issued by the State Auditor upon certificates issued by the Superintendent of Public Instruction covering allocations made to school districts for their relief and assistance as provided in section 9 of this act.

Allocations from appropriation.

SEC. 9. Allocations from the appropriation herein provided may be made by the Superintendent of Public Instruction to school districts for their relief and assistance in establishing and maintaining recreation programs as in this act provided. In addition to allocations for direct relief and assistance, special allocations from the appropriation herein provided may be made by the Superintendent of Public Instruction to school districts for the purpose of underwriting allocations made by or requested from Federal funds pending receipt of such Federal funds.

Effective immediately.

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