

commanding officer shall, before any such advancement is made, give a bond to the State of Washington in the sum of \$10,000 with surety approved by the governor: *Provided, further,* That in case surety bond is given, the premium therefor shall be paid by the state treasurer out of the appropriation provided for said school.

Bond of commanding officer.

SEC. 6. Said board shall biennially, on the first day of December, immediately preceding the convening of the legislature, submit to the governor a report in writing of the affairs and conditions of said school, which report shall be accompanied by a detailed statement of all monies expended by said school during the biennium covered by said report, together with an estimate of the amount necessary for the support of said school during the biennium commencing on the first day of April next succeeding the date of such report.

Biennial reports to legislature.

Passed the House January 25, 1917.

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Approved by the Governor February 26, 1917.

CHAPTER 21.

[H. B. 105.]

REGULATING HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE BY PUPILS OF OTHER DISTRICTS.

AN ACT relating to the attendance of high school pupils from non-high school districts and providing for the reimbursement of certain school districts for the cost of educating high school pupils from other school districts, creating two classes of school districts for such purpose, providing for a fund and plan of taxation for such reimbursement, fixing requirements for admission to certain high schools, and giving boards of directors, power to arrange and pay for transportation of pupils for the purposes of this act.

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

SECTION 1. For the purposes of this act all school districts in the State of Washington shall be and the same

Division of school districts.

are hereby divided into two divisions to be known and designated respectively as high school districts and non-high school districts.

Classification of districts.

SEC. 2. The state board of education is hereby empowered, and it shall be the duty of said board, to prescribe rules and regulations governing the classification of school districts as high school districts and non-high school districts and to classify school districts in accordance with such rules and regulations: *Provided*, That any school district which shall, at the time this act goes into effect, maintain a two year high school course shall by such fact be temporarily classified as a high school district. Any high school district shall be removed from such classification by the state board of education at any time when it shall fail to comply with the rules and requirements of such schools, or when such district shall fail to advance its high school to a four year course within two years from the time of its classification: *Provided further*, That for good and sufficient reasons the state board of education may grant one or more extensions of time for establishing such four year course.

List of high school districts to be certified to county superintendent.

SEC. 3. The state board of education shall, within thirty days from the time this act goes into effect, provide each county superintendent of schools in the state with a copy of the rules and requirements for the classification of districts as provided for in this act; and the said board shall, on or before the first day of July of each year, certify to the county superintendent of schools of each county in the state a complete list of all high school districts in his county.

County superintendent to certify list to county officers.

SEC. 4. The county superintendent of schools of each county shall, on or before the first day of September, certify to the county assessor, the county treasurer, the county auditor, and the board of county commissioners of his county, a complete list of all high school districts and all non-high school districts in his county.

School clerk's report.

SEC. 5. The clerk, or secretary, of every high school district, shall certify under oath, as a part of his annual

report to the county superintendent of schools to be made on or before the fifteenth day of July, as required by law, the following facts as nearly as the same can be ascertained: First, the name, post office address, county and number of school district if obtainable, of each non-resident high school pupil, not a resident of another high school district, enrolled in the high school, or high schools, of his district during the school year, with the days of attendance of each such non-resident high school pupil. Second, the cost per pupil per day of educating high school pupils for the school year in his district. For ascertaining such cost the following items of high school expenditure shall be used: Salaries of all high school teachers, supervisors, principals, special instructors, superintendent and assistants, janitors, clerks and secretaries, stenographers, and all other employees; fuel, light, water, power, telephones, textbooks, office expenses, janitors' supplies, freight, express, drayage, rents for high school purposes, upkeep of grounds, upkeep of shops and laboratories, all materials used in instruction, insurance, current ordinary repairs of every nature, inspection, promotion of health, and such other current expenditures as may be necessary to efficient operation of the high school, or high schools. Expenditures for real estate, construction of buildings, and for other permanent improvements and fixtures shall not be included in estimating high school expenditures for the purposes of this act. When any item shall, as a necessary result of organization, cover both grade and high school work, it shall be prorated, as nearly as practicable, by the clerk, or secretary.

Record of
non-resident
pupils.

Cost per
pupil, how
determined.

SEC. 6. The county superintendent of schools shall, after verifying such reports, certify, on or before the fifteenth day of August each year, to the county commissioners of his county and to the county commissioners of such other counties as any high school district of his county may have claims against under the provisions of this act, the amount of each such high school district claim for the cost of educating non-resident high school

Certifying
cost of
educating
non-resident
pupils.

Tax levy
against non-
high school
districts.

pupils, and such county commissioners are hereby authorized to levy and shall levy as a tax, not to exceed two mills, against all non-high school districts in their respective counties the aggregate amount, as certified to them by the county superintendent of schools, such levy to be made at the same time and in the same manner as other county levies for school purposes are made. In fixing the amount of any such claim by a high school district for educating non-resident high school pupils the county superintendent shall take the net difference between the cost per pupil per day of educating high school pupils in the given high school district and the apportionment per pupil per day to such high school district from the state current school fund and the county school tax as provided in section 4602, Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington, such difference to be multiplied by the days of attendance of non-resident high school pupils in each case. Such amount, when ascertained and certified as provided in this act, shall constitute a valid claim against the high school district fund hereafter provided for in this act. The above tax shall be collected at the same time and in the same manner as other taxes are collected, and shall be segregated by the county treasurer into a fund which shall be designated as the high school district fund and which shall be used only for reimbursing high school districts for the cost of educating non-resident high school pupils whose legal residence shall be in a non-high school district.

High school
district fund.

Certificates
of amounts
due high
school
districts.

SEC. 7. The county superintendent of schools shall, on or before the first day of September, certify to the county treasurer the amounts due to each high school district in his county from the high school district fund, and also the amounts due to the high school district fund of other counties wherein high school districts may have educated pupils from non-high school districts of his county as certified by the county superintendent of schools of such county to the county commissioners of his county.

SEC. 8. At the time of apportioning funds to school districts the county treasurer shall transfer to the credit of each high school district the amount due such district from the high school district fund, or such prorated portion thereof as may be in such fund at the time. He shall at the same time transfer to the credit of the high school district fund of other counties such amounts, or prorated portions thereof as may be in the high school district fund of his county, as may be due the high school district fund of such other county as certified by the county superintendent of schools of his county.

Apportionment and transfer of funds by county treasurer.

SEC. 9. Every high school in the high school district shall admit all persons of school age who are residents of this state, and not residents of another high school district, carrying the grades for which they desire to enroll, upon presentation of satisfactory evidence of having completed in a creditable manner the state eighth grade course of study as prescribed by the state board of education: *Provided*, That nothing in this act shall be construed as affecting section 4484 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington.

Admission of non-resident pupils.

SEC. 10. The board of directors of a non-high school district is hereby empowered to provide and to pay for the transportation of high school pupils to the most available high school when, in their judgment, it shall be to the best interests of the district to do so. Such board is hereby further empowered to enter into agreement with the board of directors of one or more school districts, whether high school districts or non-high school districts, to jointly provide and pay for the transportation of pupils upon such terms as they shall deem best: *Provided*, That it shall not be required to transport any pupil living within two miles of the school which such pupil attends: *Provided further*, That all such joint agreements for transporting pupils shall be duly executed in writing, the original to be filed with the county superintendent of schools and a copy thereof with each board of directors.

Payment for transportation of pupils

Joint agreements.

Reimburse-
ment not a
tuition
charge.

SEC. 11. The reimbursement of a high school district for cost of educating high school pupils for a non-high school district, as provided for in this act, shall not be deemed a tuition charge as affecting the apportionment of current state school funds provided for in section 4568 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of the State of Washington.

Passed the House February 5, 1917.

Passed the Senate February 14, 1917.

Approved by the Governor February 26, 1917.

CHAPTER 22.

[S. B. 38.]

VALUATION OF PROPERTIES OF INTERSTATE CARRIERS.

AN ACT relating to and making an appropriation for the public service commission, and declaring an emergency.

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

Appropriation,
\$8,800.

SECTION 1. That the sum of eight thousand eight hundred dollars (\$8,800.00) or as much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same hereby is, appropriated from the general fund for the public service commission to enable such commission, in co-operation with the United States government in the valuation of properties of interstate carriers; to immediately enter upon a rate, traffic and switching charge study relating to common carriers operating in the state; to bring down to date valuations of railway properties heretofore made and to value other railway properties not heretofore valued.

Emergency.

SEC. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the Senate January 23, 1917.

Passed the House February 20, 1917.

Approved by the Governor February 27, 1917.