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EDUCATIONAL LEGISLATION

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CONTENT.

This pamphlet contains legislation relating to public education enacted by the General Court during the session of 1912, save resolves appropriating money for specific purposes or to meet annual expenditures. The text of the acts and resolves is followed by explanation and comment where these seem to be required. The laws are grouped under three headings:—

I. Acts and resolves conferring powers and duties on the Board of Education.

II. Acts of general import to the public schools.

III. Special acts relating to specific communities or institutions.

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PART I.—LEGISLATION CONFERRING POWERS
AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

APPOINTEES AND EXPENDITURES OF THE BOARD OF EDU-
CATION.

CHAPTER 80.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE APPOINTEES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

SECTION 1. Section three of chapter four hundred and fifty-seven of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and nine, as amended by chapter two hundred and eighty-two of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and ten, and by chapter four hundred and sixty-six of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eleven, is hereby further amended by striking out the said section and inserting in place thereof the following:—*Section 3.* The board shall appoint a commissioner of education whose term of office shall be five years, and may fix his salary at such sum as the governor and council shall approve. Said commissioner may at any time be removed from office by a vote of six members of the board. He shall exercise the powers and perform the duties now conferred or imposed by law on the secretary of the board of education. He shall be the executive officer of the board, shall have supervision of all educational work supported in whole or in part by the commonwealth, and shall report thereon to the board, and, when so authorized by the board, may approve bills for expenditures from appropriations and funds placed under the direction of the board. The board shall also appoint two deputy commissioners, at equal salaries, one of whom shall be especially qualified to deal with industrial education. The powers, duties, salaries and terms of office of said deputy commissioners shall be such as may be established from time to time by the board, but the board may, by a vote of six members thereof, remove from office at any time either of said deputy commissioners. The board may be allowed for rent, salaries of the commissioner, the deputies, agents, assistants and clerical service, and for travelling and other necessary expenses of the commissioner, the deputies, agents, and of the board, incurred in the performance of their official duties, such sum as shall be appropriated by the general court annually, payable out of the treasury of the commonwealth.

The amendment made by the above act permits the Board of Education to authorize the Commissioner of Education to approve bills for expenditures made from funds and appropriations under the control of the Board. Such an arrangement facilitates the work of the Board on its financial side.

STATE NORMAL SCHOOL ACCOUNTS.

CHAPTER 79.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SUPERVISION BY THE AUDITOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF ACCOUNTS KEPT AT STATE NORMAL SCHOOLS.

SECTION I. Section ten of chapter thirty-nine of the Revised Laws is hereby amended by striking out all after the word "direction", in the fourth line, and inserting in place thereof the following:—The receipts from pupils boarded in halls maintained at normal schools shall be paid into the treasury of the commonwealth monthly, and so much thereof as is necessary to pay the expenses of wages, food and supplies for dormitories and kitchens shall be paid therefrom upon approved schedules accompanied by vouchers in the same manner that other claims against the commonwealth are paid; and all receipts from other sources shall be paid into the treasury of the commonwealth monthly as a part of the general revenue of the commonwealth. The auditor of the commonwealth shall exercise the same direction of all accounts kept at normal schools as is authorized by section four of chapter five hundred and ninety-seven of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eight. The principals of the several normal schools shall be bonded in amounts to be approved by the board of education,—so as to read as follows:—*Section 10.* The board shall have the general management of the state normal schools and the boarding houses connected therewith, and money appropriated for their maintenance may be expended under its direction. The receipts from pupils boarded in halls maintained at normal schools shall be paid into the treasury of the commonwealth monthly, and so much thereof as is necessary to pay the expenses of wages, food and supplies for dormitories and kitchens shall be paid therefrom upon approved schedules accompanied by vouchers in the same manner that other claims against the commonwealth are paid; and all receipts from other sources shall be paid into the treasury of the commonwealth monthly as a part of the general revenue of the commonwealth. The auditor of the commonwealth shall exercise the same direction of all accounts kept at normal schools as is authorized by section four of chapter five hundred and ninety-seven of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eight. The principals of the several normal schools shall be bonded in amounts to be approved by the board of education.

The purpose of this act is to secure the same method of reporting and approving the accounts of receipts and payments of normal schools as holds in the case of other public institutions supported from the treasury of the Commonwealth.

SCHOOLING OF WARDS OF THE STATE OR OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

CHAPTER 136.

RESOLVE TO PROVIDE FOR AN INVESTIGATION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AS TO COMPENSATING CITIES AND TOWNS FOR SCHOOLING FURNISHED TO WARDS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OR OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Resolved, That the board of education shall investigate the matter of compensating cities and towns in the commonwealth for schooling furnished by them in the public schools to wards of the commonwealth or of the city of Boston, and shall devise a just plan for providing and regulating the compensation. The said board shall report its recommendations to the general court, not later than January fifth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, with such recommendations for legislation, if any, as it may deem expedient.

STATE NORMAL ART SCHOOL AND THE BOSTON NORMAL SCHOOL.

CHAPTER 47.

RESOLVE TO AUTHORIZE AN INVESTIGATION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION RELATIVE TO THE STATE NORMAL ART SCHOOL AND THE BOSTON NORMAL SCHOOL.

Resolved, That the board of education is hereby directed to consider whether or not it would be expedient for the commonwealth to provide for the state normal art school a site and buildings other than those now occupied by said school, and also whether or not the Boston normal school should be taken over by the commonwealth, and what arrangements can be made with the city of Boston to effect the transfer of the school. The board shall report its conclusions and recommendations to the next general court not later than the second Wednesday in January.

TRANSPORTATION OF CERTAIN HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS.

CHAPTER 39.

RESOLVE DIRECTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO INVESTIGATE THE TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS ATTENDING HIGH SCHOOLS IN CITIES OR TOWNS OTHER THAN THOSE IN WHICH THEY RESIDE.

Resolved, That the board of education is hereby authorized and directed to investigate the matter of the transportation of pupils residing in towns not maintaining high schools and attending high schools in

other towns or cities as provided for by section three of chapter forty-two of the Revised Laws, as amended by chapter four hundred and thirty-three of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and two and by chapter five hundred and thirty-seven of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eleven. The board shall investigate the present practice of towns in providing transportation and the expense incurred, and shall report the results of their investigation, with such recommendations as they may deem expedient, to the next general court not later than Wednesday the fifteenth day of January.

REPORT ON CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS SUPPORTED IN PART BY THE STATE.

CHAPTER 31.

RESOLVE TO PROVIDE FOR A REPORT BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AS TO EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS SUPPORTED IN PART BY THE COMMONWEALTH.

Resolved, That the board of education is hereby authorized and directed to make to the general court a report relative to all textile schools and schools for the deaf which are supported in part by the commonwealth by annual or special appropriations, by payment of tuition fees or in any other way. The report shall contain such facts and recommendations as the board may deem advisable, with a view of promoting the efficiency and economy of the various kinds of education aided by the commonwealth in the said institutions. The board and its agents are hereby authorized to visit and inspect the said institutions and investigate their educational and other activities, and to require from them such reports as the board may deem necessary. The board may employ special agents to inspect and to report as to the said institutions, and to procure for the board such information as it may require.

Chapter 636 of the Acts of 1912 makes an appropriation of \$6,000 for the above investigation.

SCHOOL FOR INSTRUCTION IN DESIGNING SILVERWARE AND JEWELRY.

CHAPTER 16.

RESOLVE RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SCHOOL FOR INSTRUCTION IN DESIGNING SILVERWARE AND JEWELRY.

Resolved, That the board of education is hereby directed to investigate advisability, practicability and cost of establishing and maintaining in the city of Taunton or in the town of Attleborough a state school for technical instruction, and especially for instruction in the designing, modeling and manufacture of silverware and jewelry. The