

required to pay the acreage share prescribed in section 77.05 on any of its lands registered as forest crop lands.

77.14 (1) The conservation commission shall publish and distribute information regarding the method of taxation of forest crop lands provided in this chapter, and is authorized to employ a fire warden in charge of fire prevention in forest crop lands. All actual and necessary expenses incurred by the conservation commission or by the tax commission in the performance of their duties under this chapter shall be paid from the appropriation made in subsection (7) of section 20.05 upon certification by the commission incurring such expenses.

*(20.05) (7) On July 1, 1927, thirty thousand dollars; on July 1, 1928, forty thousand dollars; on July 1, 1929, fifty thousand dollars; on July 1, 1930, * * * seventy thousand dollars; on July 1, 1931, * * * one hundred thousand dollars, on July 1, 1932, * * * one hundred twenty thousand dollars; on July 1, 1933, * * * one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars; on July 1, 1934, one hundred thirty thousand dollars; and annually thereafter one hundred fifty thousand dollars to carry out the provisions of chapter 77, including payment of administration expenses pursuant to section 77.14.*

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 344.

AN ACT to create sections 20.28 and 40.225 of the statutes, relating to advanced courses in rural schools and making an appropriation.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Two new sections are added to the statutes to read: 20.28 On August 1, 1929, ten thousand dollars, and on August 1, 1930, twenty thousand dollars, for the payment of state aid, pursuant to section 40.225, for advanced courses beyond the eighth grade in school districts which do not maintain a high school, a junior high school or a state graded school offering high school courses. If the total of the amounts certified by the state

superintendent as payable to school districts under section 40.225, shall exceed the amount available hereunder, the secretary of state and the state treasurer shall equitably prorate the amount available among such school districts.

40.225 (1) All school districts which do not maintain a high school or a junior high school and whose territory is outside of the limits of any high school district may offer two years of instruction beyond the eighth grade. Such course of instruction may include two years of English, one year of general science, one year of American history and civil government, and one year of agricultural economics, with special emphasis upon the cost of production of farm products and the problems of marketing and distribution, and may include semester or year courses in algebra, commercial arithmetic and bookkeeping, commercial geography, ancient and medieval history, and modern history. Instruction in such courses beyond the eighth grade shall conform to the requirements of the course of study for high schools outlined by the state superintendent of public instruction and shall be under the supervision of the county superintendent of schools. Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring the employment of an additional teacher.

(2) Such courses of instruction may be open to all pupils who have completed the elementary course, as evidenced by a certificate or common school diploma issued by the county superintendent of schools; provided, that pupils who are deficient in not more than two elementary studies may be admitted to such courses beyond the eighth grade for which they are prepared and qualified, under regulations to be prescribed by the state superintendent of schools.

(3) Each county superintendent shall annually conduct an examination for pupils enrolled in advanced courses in common and graded schools who desire to obtain high school credit therefore. Such examinations shall cover all of the subjects specified in subsection (1) and shall be substantially equivalent to the final examinations given in high schools in these subjects. Pupils who successfully pass the examination in any subject shall be entitled to credit therefor in any free high school in this state which they may subsequently enter, on the same basis as if they had taken and completed the work in such subject in such high school.

(4) There shall be paid to all school districts which conduct advanced courses pursuant to subsection (1) special state aid in the amount of twenty-five dollars for each pupil enrolled in at least three such courses during the preceding year. In determining the amount of such aid only such pupils shall be counted who attended school for at least one hundred and twenty days, and such aid shall not be payable on account of any pupil for more than two years.

(5) On or before the first day of July of each year each county superintendent shall report to the state superintendent the school districts entitled to special state aid under this section, together with the names of the pupils in such courses beyond the eighth grade in each district and such other information as the state superintendent may require. Such report shall contain a certificate by the county superintendent that he has supervised the instruction given in such courses and that it is fairly equivalent to the work done in high schools in such subjects, and that he believes these districts to be entitled to the aid claimed.

(6) Not later than the first day of August of each year the state superintendent shall certify to the secretary of state the names of all school districts entitled to special state aid under this section, with the amounts due each district. Thereupon the secretary of state shall draw his warrant for such amount in favor of such district and the state treasurer shall pay the same to the treasurer thereof.

(7) Any district entitled to special aid under this section which is excluded therefrom through the failure of the county superintendent to make the report required by subsection (5) or through error or omission by some officer, may, at any time within two years after such state aid first became payable, furnish proof to the state superintendent that it was entitled to such aid. Upon being satisfied of the validity of the claim, the state superintendent shall certify the amount due such district to the secretary of state and the same shall be paid as if it had been filed as required in subsection (5).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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