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CHAPTER 611.

AN ACT to amend 41.01 (1) and 41.03 (1) (e); and to create 20.32 (4) of the statutes, relating to special classes and instruction for mentally handicapped children and making an appropriation.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. 20.32 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

20.32 (4) Annually, beginning July 1, 1951, \$25,000, as a revolving appropriation, to be used as state aid for special classes and instructional centers for mentally handicapped children with an intelligence quotient of 35 to 50 per cent pursuant to section 41.01, to be distributed as provided in section 41.03.

Section 2. 41.01 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

41.01 (1) Upon application by a district board of any school district, the board of education of any city or the county superintendent of any county upon authorization of the county board, the state superintendent may upon the basis of need and the availability of sufficient funds authorize such school district board, board of education or

county to establish and maintain classes, special treatment and instructional centers for each of the various types of handicapped children, including special classes and instructional centers for mentally handicapped children having an intelligence quotient of 35

Section 3. 41.03 (1) (e) of the statutes is amended to read: 41.03 (1) (e) Out of the remaining balances of the several appropriations in section 20.32 (1a) to (3) the state superintendent shall certify in favor of each of the several school district boards or boards of education maintaining such schools or classes; or special centers a sum equal to the amount expended by each said board during the preceding year for salaries of qualified teachers employed in such school or classes or centers, and such other expenses as shall be approved by the state superintendent. In the event that said remaining balances are not sufficient to pay said claims in full, the payment shall be prorated on the basis of the ratio of each remaining balance to the aggregate of the claims against each said balance. In the event that the aggregate of the claims against any of the appropriation balances is or are less than said balances and the aggregate of the claims against other of said balances are in excess of said balances, amounts may be transferred from the excess balances to satisfy said excess claim or claims as nearly as may be.

Approved July 13, 1951.