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CHAPTER 144.

AN ACT to amend sections 10, 13 and 16, of chapter 377, of the laws of 1885, relating to the state public school.

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

SECTION 1. Section 10, of said chapter, is hereby amended by adding thereto the words: "Whenever in the opinion of the board it shall appear for the best interests of a boy committed to said school that he be transferred to the state industrial school for boys, said board shall make the necessary order and cause said boy to be so transferred," so that said section, when so amended, shall read as follows: Section 10. All children now confined in the state industrial school for boys or the state industrial school for girls within the state, who, upon the proper examination by the state board of supervision, shall be found to be of the condition and qualification described by this act, shall, by order of said board, be transferred to the state public school, to be kept and dealt with as prescribed by this act and the rules and regulations made pursuant thereto; and whenever any court or magistrate shall hereafter commit any vagrant child, over three and under fourteen years of age, to either said industrial school for boys or girls, such court or magistrate shall forthwith report the case of such child to said board of supervision, together with the charge upon which such child was arrested and such facts as may be developed on the examination or trial, pertaining to the age or previous condition of such child, and upon the receipt of such report it shall be the duty of said board of supervision to make the same investigation as to condition and qualification, to be sent to the state public school, and if such child shall be found to possess the conditions and qualifications for admission prescribed in this act, then said board shall make the necessary order, transferring said child to said state public school. Whenever, in the opinion of

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the board, it shall appear for the best interests of a boy committed to said school that he be transferred to the state industrial school for boys, said board shall make the necessary order and cause said boy to be so transferred.

Expense of conveying children to school, when to be paid by county sending same.

SECTION 2. Section 13, of said chapter is hereby amended by striking out all of said section after the words, "shall be," in the thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth lines of said section and inserting in place thereof the words, "paid by the county sending such child or children," so that said section as amended shall read as follows: Section 13. As soon as the state public school buildings are ready for the admission of inmates and whenever required of by the superintendents of the poor of any county or of the town board of supervisors of any town in counties where the county poor system has not been adopted, and whenever there is room for one or more children in said school from any county, it shall be the duty of the superintendent of said school to notify the superintendents of the poor of such county or the supervisors of said towns, how many children they can send to said school; that whenever there are more admissible children in the several counties, including those towns not having the county poor system, than can be so received in said school, it shall be the duty of the superintendent of said school to divide such admissions pro rata among the counties, according to the number of dependent children in each, at the time of such admission, giving preference to the counties of same or larger population that have had less admitted into said school; that whenever the superintendents of the poor of any county, or the supervisors of any such town shall be informed by the superintendent of said school that any dependent children from their county or town can be admitted into said school, it shall be their duty to forward them to said school, as provided in this act, as soon as practicable; that the expense of transportation of children to said school, pursuant to law and the expense of returning any of said children to their counties or towns, after their admission by said board of supervision, as improper inmates of said school, shall be paid by the county sending such child or children.

SECTION 3. Section 16, of said chapter is hereby

amended by striking out all of said section after the words, "traveling expenses," in the twenty-seventh line of said section, and inserting in place thereof the words, "in the same manner as other bills against said state public school are allowed and paid by the state board of supervision," so that said section when amended shall read as follows: Section 16. The state board of supervision is authorized to designate some officer, teacher or other employe connected with said school to act as agent thereof and who shall act in that capacity during the pleasure of said board, and shall be known as the agent of the state public school, and his duties as such agent shall be prescribed by said board and shall include the visiting as often and at such times as the board shall determine, any and all children placed in charge of any person by said board; to inquire into the condition of such children and make such investigation as may be necessary in relation thereto and report the same to said board of supervision; to investigate all applications to take such children by adoption or otherwise, and such suitable persons who are willing to adopt, take charge of or otherwise take and keep any children sent to said school; and to enter into a contract in writing, in behalf and under the instruction of said board, with the persons taking such child; and all such contracts shall contain a clause reserving to said board of supervision the right to withdraw the child from any person having him, when, in the opinion of the board, the welfare of the child requires it. The said agent, while acting as such, shall be paid his necessary traveling expenses, in the same manner as other bills against said state public schools are allowed and paid by the state board of supervision.

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how paid.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.
Approved March 21, 1889.