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CHAPTER 332.

AN ACT to amend section 1 of chapter 466 of the laws of 1889, relating to free high schools.

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

SECTION 1. Section 496 of the revised statutes of 1878, as amended, is hereby further amended so as to read as follows: Section 496. Any high school district which shall have established a free high school, according to the provisions of these statutes, and shall have maintained the same for not less than three months in any school year, shall be entitled to receive from the general fund of the state, annually, one-half the amount actually expended for instruction in the high school of such district, during such school year, over and above the amount required by law to be expended for common school purposes, but not to exceed in one year five hundred dollars to one district. To obtain such aid, the high school board, or, in cities not under a county superintendent, the president and secretary of the board of education, and the treasurer, shall, on or before the first day of November, report in duplicate to the state superintendent, under their oaths, the amount actually expended for instruction, during the previous school year, specifying the several items thereof, with the date and the object of each, fully. Thereupon, the state superintendent shall fix the amount to be paid such high school district, and certify the same to the secretary of state, with one of such reports annexed; provided, the state superintendent shall be authorized to withhold the certificate from any free high school district for reasons based upon failure to comply with the laws relating to free high schools, which reasons he shall have transmitted in writing to the free high school board thereof, on or before the thirtieth day of the preceding June. On such certificate, at any time after the

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first day of December, the certified amounts shall be paid to the district treasurer out of the state treasury. The secretary of state shall annually include and apportion in the state tax all such sums as shall have been so paid, in addition to all other sums to be levied for the year. Hereafter, when by any neglect or omission, any free high school shall fail to have apportioned to it, its share of state aid under this act, the state superintendent may, after the time hereinbefore fixed for such apportionment by him, fix an amount ten per centum less than the amount which such free high school would have been entitled to, had it complied with the provisions of this act, and certify the same to the secretary of state, with the report of such district or districts annexed thereto, and the secretary of state shall thereupon draw his warrant for such amount or amounts in favor of such district or districts. The whole amount annually paid under the provisions of this section shall not exceed the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, and if more be demanded by such districts, they shall be paid proportionally; provided, however, that if the whole amount authorized to be paid annually in aid of free high schools in towns having no graded schools, by chapter 352, of the general laws of 1885, is not demanded or expended under the provisions of that law, then the unexpended balance of the amount therein annually authorized to be paid in aid of free high schools in towns having no graded schools, may be added to and apportioned among the free high schools provided for in sections 490 and 491, of the revised statutes; but no more than fifty thousand dollars shall be apportioned to both classes of free high schools in any one year as now provided by law.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved April 22, 1891.