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CHAPTER 476.

AN ACT providing for restoring the fund for teachers' institutes by supplying the deficiency in such fund made by the enactment of chapter 52, laws of 1905, and making an appropriation therefor.

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

Appropriation for institute fund. SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund in the state treasury the sum of nine thousand dollars, which shall be known as a teachers' county institute fund and shall be used under the direction of the county or district superintendent in defraying the necessary expenses of conducting annually one or more teachers' institutes for the instruction of the teachers of his county or district in school management, in methods of teaching, and in the branches taught in the common schools, and in compensation for lectures at such institutes when said lectures are given by other than the conductors or the county or district superintendent.

Competent institute conductor defined. SECTION 2. No money shall be paid by the county or district superintendent of schools for the services of any instructor or lecturer or to any person from this county institute fund, unless said person is the holder of a certificate signed by the state superintendent certifying that the committee on institutes of the board of regents of normal schools approve of such person as a competent institute conductor.

Distribution of fund. SECTION 3. The sum provided for in section 1 of this act shall be distributed among the counties of the state in just proportion to the number of teachers actually required and employed in the territory under the supervision of the county or district superintendent in giving instruction in the schools of said county or superintendent district for a term of not less than seven months during each year, unless failure to maintain such school or schools for such term shall have been

caused by the destruction of the school-house or by the order of the school district board, or the local or state board of health, on account of the prevalence of a contagious disease.

Statement of number of teachers; apportionment. SECTION 4. The county or district superintendent of schools shall between the first and tenth days of July in each year make a statement upon oath to the state superintendent, giving the exact number of teachers in all the public schools of his district when they are all in session. When the sworn statements from all the county or superintendent districts have been received it shall be the duty of the state superintendent to apportion the fund mentioned in section one of this chapter, among the different counties of the state in proportion to the number of legally qualified teachers actually engaged in teaching under the provisions and restrictions of this chapter, and certify said sum to the secretary of state, who shall thereupon draw his orders upon the state treasury in favor of the different county or district superintendents for the sum so certified.

Account, how kept. SECTION 5. The county or district superintendent shall keep an itemized account of all the expenditures made from the fund in his superintendent district. Said account to accompany the statement provided for in section 4 of this act.

Conflicting laws repealed. SECTION 6. All acts and parts of acts in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 1905.

Approved June 20, 1905.