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CHAPTER 358.

AN ACT to authorize and encourage the establishment of manual training departments in connection with the high schools of the state.

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

SECTION 1. It shall be lawful for any high school board, or any board of education in this state having charge of a free high school, or of a high school having a course of study equivalent to the course or courses prescribed by the state superintendent for free high schools, to establish and maintain a department of manual training in connection with the schools under its control and management.

High schools may establish manual training departments.

SECTION 2. The expense of maintaining such manual training department shall be provided for in the same manner as other expenses of maintaining high schools are provided for, by taxes assessed upon the taxable property of the territory included in the corporation, district or districts maintaining the high school in connection with which the manual training department is established, and such department shall be under the management, direction and control of the board having the management and control of the high school.

Expense of maintaining.

SECTION 3. It shall be the duty of the state superintendent, as far as the other duties of his office may warrant, to give such information and assistance as may seem necessary in organizing and maintaining manual training departments and in arranging schemes and outlines of work. The state superintendent, with the aid of the supervisor of high schools, shall also have general supervision of all manual training departments established and main-

State superintendent to assist in organizing, etc., and inspect the same.

tained under the provisions of this act, shall from time to time inspect the same, make such recommendations relating to the management as he may deem necessary, and in his biennial report make such report thereon as shall give full information concerning their number, character, and efficiency, and their value as an educational factor.

Qualifications
of teachers.

SECTION 4. The state superintendent shall establish a standard of qualification for all teachers in manual training departments and may grant special certificates to such applicants as are in his judgment fully qualified to instruct in special lines of manual work, which certificates shall be in such form and for such time as he may prescribe, and shall be regarded as certificates legally qualifying the holders thereof to teach in any manual training department forming a part of the public school system of the state.

What schools
may be placed
upon approved
list.

SECTION 5. Any high school whose course of study or outline of work in manual training has been approved by the state superintendent and whose teacher or teachers have been duly qualified according to section 4, of this act, may upon application be placed upon an approved list of schools maintaining manual training departments. A school once entered upon this approved list may remain there and be entitled to the special state aid hereinafter provided in this act, so long as the scope of work and its character is maintained from year to year in such a manner as to meet the approval of the state superintendent; provided, that the state superintendent shall not under the provision of this act place upon the said approved list more than ten schools.

Report, how
made.

SECTION 6. On the first day of July each year the clerk of each high school board maintaining a school on the approved list, or the city superintendent of any city where such an approved school is maintained, shall make a report to the state superintendent, in such form as may be required, setting forth the facts relating to the cost of maintenance of the manual

training department, the character of the work done therein, the number and name of teachers employed therein, and the length of time such department was maintained during the year. And upon the receipt of such report, if it shall appear that the department has been maintained in a satisfactory manner for a period of not less than six months during the year ending with the date of the report, the said superintendent shall make a certificate to that effect, and file the same with the secretary of state.

SECTION 7. Upon receiving the certificate of the state superintendent provided in section 6, of this act, the secretary of state shall immediately draw his warrant upon the state treasurer, for the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, payable to the treasurer of the district or corporation maintaining a school which is in the list of approved schools maintaining manual training departments, and reporting as herein provided.

Secretary of state to draw warrant for—when.

SECTION 8. There is hereby annually appropriated out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, a sum sufficient to carry out the provisions of this act, and all sums so paid for the establishment and support of manual training departments, shall be annually added to the state tax, and levied and collected as other state taxes are collected; provided, that the total amount expended under the provisions of this act shall not exceed the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars in any one year, and no aid shall be given to any school prior to July, 1896.

Appropriation.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved April 19, 1895.