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CHAPTER 545.

AN ACT to amend sections 496b and 496c of the statutes, concerning state aid to high schools maintaining instruction in manual training, agriculture and domestic economy.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Sections 496b and 496c of the statutes are amended to read: Section 496b. 1. Any board having charge of a free high school or of a high school having a course of study equivalent to the course * * * prescribed by the state superintendent for such *free high schools* may establish and maintain * * * in connection with the high school under its management, or in connection with said high school and the three upper grades next below the high school, as said board shall decide, *a department of manual training, or domestic economy, or agriculture, or any or all of said departments.*

2. The expense of maintaining such * * * departments shall be provided for in the same manner as other expenses of maintaining such schools, and such * * * departments shall be under the management, direction and control of such board.

3. The state superintendent shall, so far as his other duties may warrant, give such information and assistance as may seem necessary in organizing and maintaining such departments, and in arranging schemes and outlines of work; and with the aid of the inspector of high schools, and when occasion shall require it, with the aid of inspectors of graded schools, shall have the general supervision of all * * * departments established under this section; and shall from time to time inspect the same, make such recommendations relating to their management as he may deem necessary, and make such report thereon as shall give full information concerning their number, character and efficiency.

4. The state superintendent shall establish a standard of qualification for all teachers in such * * * departments, and may grant special certificates to such applicants as are fully qualified to instruct in special lines of * * * work, which certificates shall be in such form and for such time as he may prescribe, and shall be regarded as qualifying the holders thereof to teach in * * * *those departments established under this act which shall be named in such certificates.*

(Am. 1911, c. 664, s. 117.)

SECTION 496c. 1. Any school whose course of study or outline of work in manual training, *domestic economy, or agriculture* has been approved by the state superintendent, and whose teacher has been qualified may, upon application, be placed upon

an approved list of schools maintaining * * * such a * * * department or departments.

2. A school once entered upon such list may remain there and be entitled to state aid so long as the scope and character of its work are maintained in such manner as to meet the approval of such superintendent. On the first day of July in each year the clerk of each school board maintaining * * * such department or departments in the school or schools under its jurisdiction, * * * or the city superintendent of any city where such an approved school is maintained, shall report to the state superintendent in such form as may be required, setting forth the facts relating to the cost of maintaining the * * * department or departments established under this act * * * , the character of the work done, the number and names of teachers employed, and the length of time * * * each department was maintained during the preceding 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, the said superintendent shall make a certificate to that effect and file it with the secretary of state.

(Am. 1911, ch. 664, s. 117.)

3. Upon receiving such certificate the secretary of state shall draw his warrant for one-half the amount actually expended for instruction * * * in each department established under this act during the year for which the state aid is received, not, however, to exceed three hundred and fifty dollars * * * for each department established under this act which shall have been maintained in connection with the high school and the three upper grades next below the high school, but not to exceed two hundred and fifty dollars * * * for each department established under this act which shall have been connected with only the high school. *Provided, however, that no one school district shall receive aid in any one year for more than three such departments.* The sum payable in accordance herewith to be payable to the treasurer of the district or corporation maintaining the school; provided, that the total amount expended for such purpose shall not exceed * * * fifty thousand dollars in any year.

(Am. 1911, ch. 664, s. 117.)

SECTION 2. All acts and parts of acts conflicting with any provisions of this act are repealed in so far as they are inconsistent therewith.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved July 3, 1911.