

have not so changed as to make it impossible or unreasonable to so restore such person * * *, and upon the employe's request made at any time before 6 months after completion of the employe's service in the armed forces of the United States, or absence during federal hospitalization because of injuries or sickness resulting from such war or emergency service the employe upon presentation of proof of his honorable discharge or release from such active service or federal hospitalization shall be returned to his former position. The findings of the medical examiner entered on the discharge or release papers of the employe shall be deemed sufficient proof of the employe's physical fitness to resume his former position. *In the event of any dispute arising under this subsection the matter shall be referred to the industrial commission for arbitration except as such matters pertain to any classified employe of the state of Wisconsin, in which case the matter shall be referred to the bureau of personnel.*

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CHAPTER 311.

AN ACT to amend 48.17 (1), 48.20 (4) and 48.22 (2) and to repeal and recreate 48.18 of the statutes relating to charges for care at industrial schools.

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

SECTION 1. 48.17 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

48.17 (1) The state department of public welfare shall cause the children committed to either of said industrial schools to be placed at such employments and to be instructed in such branches of useful knowledge as shall be suited to their years and capacities. The superintendent of each said school shall * * * procure the return of any person escaping therefrom; and any justice of the peace, marshal or constable, upon information of such escape, shall return any such fugitive as above mentioned.

SECTION 2. 48.18 of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

48.18 LIABILITY OF COUNTIES. For each child committed to either of said industrial schools for boys or girls or to the state

public school after July 1, 1945, the county of legal settlement shall be chargeable with the sum of \$5 per week. Such charges will be adjusted in accordance with the provisions of section 46.10. All children under commitment prior to July 1, 1945 and remaining at any such school after such date shall continue to be a charge of the county of commitment except that the rate to such county shall be \$5 per week for each child.

SECTION 5. 48.20 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

48.20 (4) * * *. The county shall * * * be chargeable with the compensation paid to any person for taking any child to the * * * *institution*. The compensation paid to any person for taking any child to the * * * *institution*, shall not exceed the sum of \$5 per day and the necessary expenses, and no charge shall be made for more than one person escorting each child. No person other than a competent woman shall be employed as such escort for any child under 3 years of age, or for any girl.

SECTION 6. 48.22 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

48.22 (2) The state department of public welfare is the legal guardian of all children permanently committed to the state public school. It may place them in families under the same conditions as are prescribed for licensed child welfare agencies, and make written contracts with responsible and suitable persons for keeping them during their minority, providing therein for their education in the public schools where they may reside, for teaching them some useful occupation, and for their kind and proper treatment as members of the families in which they are placed. *The cost to the state of the maintenance of any such child so placed shall not exceed the average per capita cost of maintenance in the institution from which such child is placed. Bills for the cost of such care shall be payable monthly out of the proper operating funds and shall be audited as are other bills. The county of legal settlement shall be chargeable at the same rates for maintenance of children so placed as provided under section 48.18, and such charges shall be adjusted in the manner provided by section 46.10 the same as if the child were at the institution. The department shall have the right to visit, inspect and investigate such home and to return to the institution or to replace such child in another foster home whenever it deems it advisable or necessary.*

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