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CHAPTER 199.

AN ACT to provide for the preparation of a course of study in the elements of agriculture for district schools, for courses of study for secondary schools of agriculture and domestic economy in rural communities, for courses of study in manual training and domestic economy in graded schools, and for the securing of information as to the necessary steps in obtaining properly trained teachers of agriculture, manual training, and domestic economy and making an appropriation therefor.

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

Duty of L. D. Harvey, as commissioner. SECTION 1. L. D. Harvey is hereby appointed a commissioner until the second Monday in January, 1903, with authority and it shall be his duty to prepare a detailed course of study in the elements of agriculture adapted to the needs of instruction in the district schools of the state; he shall also prepare courses of study for secondary schools of agriculture and domestic economy adapted to the needs of rural communities. These courses of study shall embrace the following subjects: the soil, plant life and animal life of the farm, farm accounts, manual training, and domestic economy. He shall prepare a syllabus of the course of study in each subject, in such detail and with such elaboration of the body of knowledge to be considered, as may be necessary for the organization and administration of the courses of instruction in these branches.

As to cost of introduction of courses in graded and village schools. SECTION 2. He shall investigate and determine the character, extent, and cost of courses of instruction in manual training and domestic economy adapted to graded schools, in operation in the cities of this and other countries, and through bulletins and public addresses give information to school boards and communities as to courses and character of instruction which have proved most satisfactory under trial, and which seem best adapted to the needs of city and village schools in Wisconsin.

As to where best teachers may be found. SECTION 3. He shall determine where the most thoroughly trained and best equipped teachers of the subjects herein named may be found, and shall

formulate and recommend a plan for the organization of a training school for the preparation of teachers of these subjects.

To awaken public interest and sentiment. SECTION 4. He shall in all proper ways seek to awaken and educate public sentiment for the introduction of manual training and domestic economy as subjects of instruction in the graded schools, and for the introduction of instruction in agriculture and domestic economy in the public schools established and maintained for rural communities, and shall make such investigations as may be necessary for the proper performance of his duties as prescribed by this act.

Report as to investigations. SECTION 5. The commissioner shall make final report of his investigations and findings under the provisions of this act to the governor on or before January fifteenth, 1903. The state superintendent is hereby authorized to publish from time to time, such bulletins of information prepared by the said commissioner as shall seem to him advantageous.

Compensation of commissioner. SECTION 6. The sum of three thousand eight hundred dollars shall be paid annually for each of the years 1901 and 1902 to the said L. D. Harvey as compensation for the performance of the duties imposed by this act; such sum shall be paid in monthly installments from the amount appropriated for this purpose in the same manner as state officers are paid. The said commissioner shall be reimbursed for all actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of his duties, payable in the same manner and under the same conditions as the expenses of other state officers are paid.

Appropriating clause. SECTION 7. A sum of money sufficient to carry out the provisions of this act is hereby appropriated out of any money in the general fund of the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved April 19, 1901.