

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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## CHAPTER 618.

AN ACT to amend sections 430—4, 496q, 496r and 496s of the statutes, relating to the transportation of pupils to and from rural schools, and making an appropriation therefor.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 430—4, 496q, 496r and 496s of the statutes are amended to read: Section 430—4. It shall also be lawful for the electors of any school district to authorize the school board or town board of school directors to enter into an agreement with the parent, guardian or other person in charge of any pupil to compensate such parent, guardian or other person for \* \* \* transportation, or providing for the transportation of any pupil or pupils to and from school, and to enter into contracts for the transportation to and from school of all persons of school age who attend, and to levy a tax therefor; provided, that in all cases where the distance from the home of the pupil or pupils, who are to be transported, is two miles or less by the nearest traveled highway, the sum per pupil so paid shall be such as may be authorized by the electors, and in all cases where the distance is more than two miles the state may be called upon to pay five cents per day for each such pupil transported regularly to and from school in some reasonable and comfortable manner for a period of not less than five months. The school board or the town board of school directors and the principal teacher of the school in which such pupil is enrolled shall, on or before the fifteenth day of July of each year, make under oath a report giving the name of each pupil transported more than two miles, the number of days such pupil was transported, the mode of transportation and the total amount claimed by the district on account of all pupils residing more than two miles from school, for whom transportation or transportation and tuition have been paid.

Section 496q. Whenever the electors of any rural school district \* \* \* maintaining a one or two department rural school, or the electors of any town maintaining its schools under the township system of school government shall close the school board or the town board of school directors to close the district, or any subdistrict school, and provide transportation and tuition

for all persons of school age, who may desire to attend \* \* \* school, at a district maintaining a one or two department rural school, or a state graded school, or the grades below the free high school in \* \* \* a free high school district, each such rural school district or subdistrict shall receive special state aid in the sum of \* \* \* one hundred fifty dollars annually upon complying with the following conditions:

(1) Transportation and tuition shall be provided for at least thirty-two weeks including legal holidays for all persons of school age desiring to attend school during the school year.

(2) The average daily attendance of the pupils transported under the provisions of this act from any district or subdistrict to the school in any rural school district, or to \* \* \* a state graded school, or to the grades in a district maintaining a free high school \* \* \* shall be at least eighty per cent of the entire number enrolled for transportation to such school during each term of school.

(3) The district board or town board of school directors shall in all cases where the school is closed and transportation is provided by a team, enter into a written contract in the name of the district with one or more persons, whereby it is agreed that such person or persons are to safely and carefully carry or provide for carrying the children to and from the school or schools in the district where provision has been made for their schooling.

\* \* \* (4) \* \* \* The driver \* \* \* of each transportation wagon shall be of \* \* \* good moral character, trustworthy and responsible; \* \* \* shall furnish a safe team \* \* \* and a suitable and comfortable \* \* \* bus or wagon well supplied \* \* \* for protections against stormy and inclement weather; such driver shall have control of and be responsible for the good order and behavior of the children while in the conveyance going to and returning from school, and shall prohibit the use of profane or unseemly language upon the part of the pupils, and shall report all cases of insubordination while on the wagon to the parents and to the school board of the district. Be it also understood that in cases where it is practicable conveyance by interurban, steam railway or automobile shall be equivalent for transportation or conveyance by a team.

(5) No state aid under the provisions of this act shall be paid to any district providing transportation and tuition for its pupils at a district maintaining a rural school of one or more departments, unless the school in the district where such nonresident children attend shall be a first-class rural school as defined in chapter 600, laws of 1907, and acts amendatory thereof, and it is

further provided that in case the district and subdistrict entering into a contract for the schooling of nonresident pupils, according to the provisions of this act, and shall fail to maintain a first-class rural school as provided in chapter 600, laws of 1907, then such school districts shall forfeit their rights to collect tuition from the district where such nonresident children reside for such school year or part of a school year that the school in such school district shall not have been maintained as a first-class rural school.

(Am. 1911, c. 664, s. 147.)

\* \* \* (6) The \* \* \* school board of each district \* \* \* or the town board of school directors of any town containing a subdistrict taking advantage of this act shall make annually, on or before the first day of August, a special report under oath to the state superintendent of public instruction showing that the above conditions have been complied with, and this report shall give the names and ages of the persons transported, the number of days each such person was transported and attended school, the rate of tuition paid and the amount of tuition paid for each person.

(Am. 1911, c. 664, s. 147.)

(7) It shall be the duty of the county superintendent of schools in any county where a rural school takes advantage of the provisions of this act, and provides transportation and tuition for persons of school age at a rural school, to report annually to the state superintendent upon the blanks furnished by him, such information as he may request for the purpose of ascertaining if the rural school in such district during the year for which aid is demanded was maintained as a first-class rural school, according to the provisions of chapter 600, laws of 1907.

(Am. 1911, c. 664, s. 147.)

(8) Upon the receipt of such sworn statement of the school board or town board of school directors, and in case of the attendance of pupils at a rural school of a satisfactory report from the county superintendent of schools, it shall be the duty of the state superintendent to certify to the secretary of state the amount due each such school district under the provisions of this act. It shall then become the duty of the secretary of state to draw his warrant for the amount certified in favor of the treasurer of each such school district.

(Am. 1911, c. 664, s. 147.)

(9) In case of a disagreement concerning the standard of work done in any rural school, the decision of the state superintendent shall be final, and he shall have power either in person or through inspectors of schools, to investigate the quality of work done and

*equipment offered in any of the schools accepting nonresident pupils under the provisions of this act.*

(Am. 1911, c. 664, s. 147.)

Section 496r. The school district board shall embody in the notices of every annual or special meeting at which any or all of the \* \* \* provisions of this act are to be considered, a statement to \* \* \* the effect that \* \* \* the electors will be called upon to vote upon such questions; said notices to be posted as provided \* \* \* in sections 426 and 427 of the statutes; provided, however, that failure to include such statements in the notices posted for the annual school district meeting shall not prevent the electors from considering and voting upon such questions.

(Am. 1911, c. 664, s. 147.)

Section 496s. \* \* \* To carry out the provisions of this act there is hereby appropriated annually out of the moneys assessed and collected under the provisions of chapter 313, laws of 1903, amending section 1072a of the statutes of 1898, a sum sufficient to meet all the approved claims coming under the provisions of this act.

(Am. 1911, c. 664, s. 147.)

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.

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## CHAPTER 619.

AN ACT to create section 1459b—1 of the statutes, relating to the international dairy show association, providing a penalty, and making an appropriation therefor.

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

SECTION 1. There is added to the statutes a new section to read: Section 1459b—1. 1. There shall be paid out of the state treasury to the International Dairy Show Association a sum equal to twenty-five per cent of the total amount of cash premiums to be paid by the said International Dairy Show Association at its next show: and annually thereafter for the years 1911 and 1912 there shall be paid out of the state treasury to the International Dairy Show Association a sum equal to twenty-five per cent of the total amount of cash premiums, paid by the said association at its annual show for the preceding year.