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### CHAPTER 96.

AN ACT to amend 40.70 (1) (a) and (b) and (2) of the statutes, relating to compulsory school attendance.

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

40.70 (1) (a) and (b) and (2) of the statutes are amended to read:

40.70 (1) (a) Any person having under his control a child between the ages of 7 and \* \* \* 16 years \* \* \* shall cause such child to attend some school regularly to the end of the school term, quarter, semester or other division of the school year in which he is 16 years of age (unless the child has a legal excuse) during the full period and hours (religious holidays excepted) that the public, parochial or private school in which such child should be enrolled may be in session.

(b) This subsection does not apply to any child not in proper physical or mental condition to attend school (the certificate of a reputable physician in general practice to that effect shall be sufficient proof thereof), \* \* \* *nor to any child who has completed the full 4 year high school course.* Any child who has completed the course of study for the common schools, or the first 8 grades of school work or the equivalent thereof, \* \* \* may at his option attend \* \* \* a vocational and adult education school full time in lieu of attendance at any other school.

40.70 (2) Any *unmarried* person who is not indentured as an apprentice, \* \* \* who resides or is employed in a district which maintains a vocational and adult education school, \* \* \* *who has attained the age of 16 years and who has not completed a full 4 year high school course shall, if not attending a high school full time, continue to attend a vocational and adult education school for at least \* \* \* one full school day of not less than 6½ hours* a week if regularly, lawfully and gainfully employed, half time if employed at home, and full time if unemployed, until he is 18 years of age; and the parents of such minors shall compel such school attendance. In cases where there are no parents or not more than one parent living at home in which there is at least one child, and it is necessary for one of the children who is over 16 and under 18 years of age to be em-

ployed at home in order to maintain the household, such child, for the purpose of school attendance under the provisions of this subsection, shall be deemed to be regularly, lawfully and gainfully employed.

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