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CHAPTER 634

AN ACT to create 41.01 (9a) of the statutes, relating to home instruction of mentally handicapped children.

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

41.01 (9a) of the statutes is created to read:

41.01 (9a) Education through home instruction may be provided by school districts or counties to mentally handicapped children between the ages of 4 and 20, who, according to educational and psychological evaluation, are able to benefit by academic and non-academic home instruction. All pupils enrolled in this type of homebound instruction shall be approved, in advance, by the state department of public instruction. The cost of this

instruction shall be paid one-half by the district of the child's residence if the district initiates the program, or one-half by the county of the child's residence if the county initiates the program, and the remaining one-half by the state except that the maximum state reimbursement made for any child under this subsection shall not exceed \$200 per school year. Teachers employed under this subsection shall be legally qualified to teach in this state. All records required to maintain this program shall be submitted to the department of public instruction by July 1 of each year. This subsection shall in no way substitute for the special classroom provision for educable or trainable mentally retarded pupils.

Approved August 14, 1957.