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## CHAPTER 309

## INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION

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**§ 2401. Planning of courses**

The commissioner shall be charged with the duty of extending the investigation of methods of industrial education. He shall advise and aid in the introduction of industrial courses into free high schools and academies aided by the State and shall report on all special schools in which industrial education is provided. He shall inspect the courses of study offered in such free high schools and academies and he shall have authority to approve such courses in all schools aided by the State.

R.S.1954, c. 41, § 190.

**§ 2402. Courses in teachers' colleges**

The state board shall cause to be introduced into all of the teachers' colleges such courses in manual arts, domestic science and agriculture as will enable their graduates to teach elementary courses in those subjects in the rural and grade schools. In not more than one of said colleges, the course in manual training shall be so extended as to offer opportunity to persons desiring to qualify as special teachers of that branch, and in not more than one, the course in domestic science shall be so extended as to offer similar opportunity to persons desiring to qualify as special teachers thereof. For the 2 special courses thus offered, the said board is authorized to expend annually such sums as may be available in appropriations for the support of said teachers' colleges.

R.S.1954, c. 41, § 191; 1963, c. 414, § 16.

**§ 2403. State aid for agriculture; industrial arts and home economics**

Whenever the superintendent of schools of any administrative unit or the trustees of any incorporated academy shall certify to the commissioner, on forms prescribed by him, that instruction has been provided pupils of elementary schools, high schools or academies for the year preceding, said instruction having been approved as to course content, equipment and teacher qualifications, in general agriculture, industrial arts or general home economics, the commissioner is authorized to make apportionments of state aid as follows:

**1. Municipal programs.** For municipal programs, the reimbursement payable in accordance with chapter 511;

1957, c. 364, § 80.

**2. Academy programs.** For academy programs, the tuition reimbursement to the sending municipality as provided in chapter 511 and sections 1291 and 1292. (1957, c. 364, § 80.)

R.S.1954, c. 41, § 192; 1957, c. 364, § 80.

**§ 2404. State aid for evening and day schools, adult education; activities without aid**

Whenever the superintending school committee or school directors of any administrative unit shall have maintained during the school year evening schools, day schools, classes and educational activities for adults as provided by section 858, said administrative unit shall be reimbursed by the State a sum equal to  $\frac{1}{2}$  the amount paid for instruction and activities contributing to learning in such classes. Such schools shall meet the approval of the commissioner in regard to the qualifications of instructors, length of term, class attendance and subjects offered.

The superintending school committee or school directors may establish and furnish facilities for day and evening educational and recreational activities for adults not supported by public school funds and not reimbursed by the State. Such courses and activities may be financed by tuition fees, by funds voted by the administrative unit or by funds from other proper sources or by any combination of these.

R.S.1954, c. 41, § 193; 1955, c. 455, § 2; 1957, c. 364, § 81.

**§ 2405. State aid for general industrial schools**

The superintending school committee of any town, when authorized by vote of the town, shall and the school directors of a School Administrative District may establish and maintain as a part of the public school system of such administrative unit a general industrial school for the teaching of agriculture, household science, the mechanic arts and the trades. Such general industrial schools shall be open to pupils who have completed the elementary school course or who have attained the age of 15 years. The authority and duties of the superintending school committee or school directors and of the superintendent of schools in relation to such industrial schools shall be the same as in the case of the elementary and secondary schools, but the support of such schools shall be derived from funds raised in addition to any sums appropriated for the support of elementary and secondary schools. Whenever it shall be made to appear to the Governor and Council that any administrative unit has provided instruction in the trades and industries in a general industrial school maintained therein for a period of 36 weeks during the school year, and employing at least one teacher whose work is devoted exclusively to such instruction and having an average attendance of at least 20 pupils, the Governor and Council shall direct the Treasurer of State to pay to the treasurer of such administrative unit a sum equal to  $\frac{1}{2}$  the total amount spent for instruction in said school, provided that not more than \$2,000 shall be paid by the State to any one administrative unit in any year.

R.S.1954, c. 41, § 194; 1957, c. 364, § 82; 1961, c. 366, § 9.

**§ 2406. Reports**

All reports required under this chapter shall be filed annually with the commissioner on or before the first day of July and state aid shall be payable during the month of December next succeeding.

R.S.1954, c. 41, § 195.