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June 7, 1946

To Miss Esther Lipton, Director
Division of Education for Physically Handicapped Children

I have your memo of June 5th, relating to the provisions of Chapter 37, R. S. 1944, as amended by Chapter 149, P. L. 1945, which provides special educational facilities and services for physically handicapped children. You state in your memo that your interpretation of this amendment has resulted in recommendations for instruction in lip reading, speech improvement, home instruction, and special supplies and equipment for children who need them.

You request me to clarify the legal responsibility of your Division in regard to these handicapped children, and you ask the following questions:

"1. May the Division subsidize a town for providing special books, supplies, and teaching services to children attending private schools?"

My answer to question 1 is in the affirmative.

"2. May the Division subsidize a town for providing home instruction to a private school student too ill to attend schools?"

My answer to question 2 is in the affirmative.

Ralph W. Farris
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