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To Harland A. Ladd, Commissioner of Education Re: Powers of Superintending School Committee

This office is in receipt of your memo of May 1, 1952, in which you ask if either paragraph V of section 50 of Chapter 37 or section 80 of that chapter will permit a superintending school committee, as a matter of policy, legally and properly to exclude from school, at least for the remainder of a school year, those students who marry while less than 21 years of age and who are regularly enrolled in a program of free public education.

It is the opinion of this office that such action is not permitted under either of the above mentioned sections and would, in fact, be repugnant to public policy, in that the courts have always frowned upon any action which might be construed as restraining marriage after the party has reached a legal marriageable age, where no immorality or misconduct is present.

James G. Frost Deputy Attorney General

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See- Mcheod V. State, 122 So. 737 154 Miss. 468 63. ALR 1161