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reduced rate transportation is issued by said corporation, the kind of transportation, the time for which it is good, and the reason for so doing.

—office of
secretary
of state.

'It shall be the duty of the secretary of state to keep in a suitable book a record of all such free or reduced rate transportation so issued to any federal, state, or county or municipal official, which record shall be open at any time during office hours for public examination.'

—secretary
of state
shall keep
record of
same.

Approved March 15, 1909.

Chapter 73.

An Act relative to the Appointment of School Physicians.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1. The school committee of every city and town shall appoint one or more school physicians and shall assign one to the medical inspection of not over one thousand pupils of the public schools within its city or town, and shall provide them with all proper facilities for the performance of their duties as prescribed in this act, provided, however, the said committee has been so authorized by vote of town at regular town meeting or at a special town meeting called for that purpose.

School
physicians,
appointment
of.

Section 2. Every school physician shall make a prompt examination and diagnosis of all children referred to him as hereinafter provided, and such further examination of teachers, janitors and school buildings as in his opinion the protection of the health of the pupils may require.

Duties of
physician.

Section 3. The pupils so examined by school physicians when treatment is necessary shall not be referred to the school physicians for such treatment except the school physician be the regular family physician of such pupil, but shall be referred to the regular family physician of such pupil through the parents or guardian.

Pupils, by
whom
treated.

Section 4. The school committee shall cause to be referred to a school physician for examination and diagnosis every child returning to a school without a certificate from the board of health or family physician after absence on account of illness or from unknown cause; and every child in the schools under its jurisdiction who shows signs of being in ill health or of suffering from infectious or contagious diseases, unless he is at once excluded from school by the teacher; except that in case of schools in remote and isolated situations, the school

Examina-
tion of
pupils after
absence on
account of
sickness.

—exception.

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committee may make such other arrangements as may best carry out the purposes of this act.

Notice of
disease or
defects.

Section 5. The school committee shall cause notice of disease or defects, if any, from which any child is found to be suffering to be sent home to his parents or guardian. Whenever a child shows symptoms of smallpox, scarlet fever, measles, chicken pox, tuberculosis, diphtheria or influenza, tonsillitis, whooping cough, mumps, scabies or trachoma, he shall be sent home immediately or as soon as safe and proper conveyance can be found, and the board of health and superintendent of schools shall at once be notified.

Examina-
tion of
sight and
hearing.

Section 6. The school committee of every city or town shall cause every child in the public schools to be separately and carefully tested and examined at least once in every school year to ascertain whether he is suffering from defective sight or hearing or from any other disability or defect tending to prevent his receiving the full benefit of his school work, or requiring a modification of the school work in order to prevent injury to the child or to secure the best educational results. Tests of sight and hearing shall be made by the teachers or by the school physicians. The committee shall cause notice of any defect or disability requiring treatment to be sent to the parent or guardian of the child, and shall require a physical record of each child to be kept in such form as the state superintendent of public schools shall prescribe after consultation with the state board of health.

—notice to
parent or
guardian.

State super-
intendent of
schools
shall pre-
scribe direc-
tions for
tests of
sight and
hearing.

—amount to
be expended.

Section 7. The state superintendent of public schools shall prescribe after consultation with the state board of health the directions for tests of sight and hearing, and shall prescribe and furnish to the school committees suitable rules of instruction, test cards, blanks, record books and other useful appliances for carrying out the purposes of this act. The state superintendent of public schools may expend during the year nineteen hundred and nine a sum not greater than five hundred dollars for the purpose of supplying the material required for this act.

Expense
that may be
incurred by
city or town.

Section 8. Expenses which a city or town may incur by virtue of the authority herein vested in the school committee shall not exceed the amount appropriated for that purpose in cities by the city council and in towns by a town meeting. The appropriation shall precede any expenditure of any indebtedness which may be incurred under this act and the sum appropriated shall be deemed sufficient appropriation in the municipality where it is made. Such appropriation need not

specify to what section of the act it shall apply and may be voted as a total appropriation to be applied in carrying out the purposes of this act.

Section 9. The provisions of this act shall apply only to cities and towns having a population of less than forty thousand inhabitants.

When act shall apply.

Approved March 16, 1909.

Chapter 74.

An Act to amend Section eighty-five of Chapter fifteen of the Revised Statutes, relating to the payment for teachers' services.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section eighty-five of chapter fifteen is hereby amended by striking out the words between the word "school" in line seven and the word "properly" in line eight and inserting in place thereof the following: "Teachers may be paid for their services at the close of each school month, but no teacher shall receive final payment for services for any term until the register herein described," so that said section, when amended, shall read as follows:

Section 85,
chapter 15,
R. S.,
amended.

'Section 85. Every teacher of a public school shall keep a register thereof, containing the names of all scholars who enter the school, their ages, the dates of each scholar's entering and leaving, the number of days during which each attended, the length of the school, the teacher's wages, a list of text-books used, and all other facts required by the blank forms furnished him. Such register shall at all times be open to the inspection of the school committee, and be returned to them at the close of the school. Teachers may be paid for their services at the close of each school month, but no teacher shall receive final payment for services for any term until the register herein described, properly filled, completed and signed, is deposited with the school committee, or with the person designated by them to receive it.'

Teachers
shall keep
school
register.

—not to be
paid until
register is
completed.

Approved March 16, 1909.

Chapter 75.

An Act amending and additional to Chapter sixty-one of the Revised Statutes, relating to Marriage and the Registration of Vital Statistics.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1. Section four of chapter sixty-one of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto the words, 'Per-

Section 4,
chapter 61,
R. S.,
amended.