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Chapter 228.

An Act to Amend Section One Hundred and Eight of Chapter Sixteen of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Teaching in the Public Schools the Principles of Kindness toward Birds and Animals.

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

R. S., c. 16, § 108, relating to the inculcation of justice, patriotism, kindness, etc., in public schools, amended. Section one hundred and eight of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out all of said section after the word "than" in the fourteenth line thereof, and inserting in place thereof the words 'one half hour of each week of the school term, to teaching to the children under their charge, in correlation with other studies of the school curriculum, the great principles of humanity as illustrated by kindness to birds and animals and regard for all factors which contribute to the well being of man,' so that said section shall read as follows:

'Sec. 108. Half hour of each week to be devoted to teaching great principles of humanity. The presidents, professors and tutors of colleges, the preceptors and teachers of academies, and all other instructors of youth, in public or private institutions, shall use their best endeavors to impress on the minds of the children and youth committed to their care and instruction, the principles of morality and justice, and a sacred regard for truth; love of country, humanity and a universal benevolence; sobriety, industry and frugality; chastity, moderation and temperance; and all other virtues which ornament human society; and to lead those under their care, as their ages and capacities admit, into a particular understanding of the tendency of such virtues to preserve and perfect a republican constitution, secure the blessings of liberty, and to promote their future happiness; and the tendency of the opposite vices, to slavery, degradation and ruin; all teachers in the public schools of the state shall devote not less than one half hour of each week of the school term, to teaching to the children under their charge, in correlation with other studies of the school curriculum, the great principles of humanity as illustrated by kindness to birds and animals and regard for all factors which contribute to the well being of man.'

Approved April 7, 1917.

Chapter 229.

An Act to Amend Section Eighty-five of Chapter Sixteen of the Revised Statutes, Increasing the Maximum Annual Tuition in Secondary Schools of the State.

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

R. S., c. 16, § 85, relating to the payment of tuition by towns not maintaining a secondary school, amended. Section eighty-five of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the word "thirty" in the seventh line thereof and inserting in its place the word 'thirty-six,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

CHAP. 230

'Sec. 85. **Maximum sum for tuition increased to \$36.** Any youth who resides with a parent or guardian in any town which does not support and maintain a standard secondary school, may attend any approved secondary school to which he may gain entrance by permission of those having charge thereof, provided the said youth shall attend a school or schools whose courses are approved by the state superintendent of public schools, and in such case the tuition of said youth, not to exceed thirty-six dollars annually for any one youth, shall be paid by the town in which he resides as aforesaid, and said tuition so paid, shall be made a part of the high school fund of the town receiving the same; and towns shall raise annually, as other school moneys are raised, a sum sufficient to pay such tuition charges; provided, however, that no youth shall be entitled to free tuition under the provisions of this section unless he shall have satisfactorily passed an examination in common school branches, said examination having been given under the direction of the superintendent of schools of the town wherein such youth resides, on papers procured from the state superintendent of public schools, or unless such youth shall have satisfactorily completed a standard common school course of study which has been approved by the state superintendent of public schools; except that any youth who has satisfactorily completed the course of a B or C class high school, as provided by section seventy-three, shall be entitled to his free tuition as hereinbefore provided for the completion of the four years of a standard secondary course without the examination herein prescribed; provided, further, that such free tuition privilege shall continue only so long as said youth shall maintain a satisfactory standard of deportment and scholarship. Any youth who otherwise meets the requirements of this section with reference to admission to secondary schools shall be entitled to the payment of his tuition, as herein provided, in any high school of the B or C class for such part of the course of such high school as may be approved as equivalent in grade to the corresponding years of a standard secondary course. Superintendents of schools shall issue certificates of free tuition privilege to persons who may be entitled to free tuition under the provisions of this section.'

Approved April 7, 1917.

Chapter 230.

An Act to Provide Compensation for Injuries Received by State Employees.

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

Workmen's compensation act applicable to state employees. All persons employed by the state or under the direction and control of any department of the state shall be entitled to the benefits of chapter fifty of the revised statutes. The governor and council shall order such compensation as shall be assessed, paid from the state contingent fund.

Approved April 7, 1917.