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'II. State aid payment to equal amount paid city or town, but not to exceed \$1200 per year. The superintending school committee of a city or town having under its care and custody an aggregate of more than fifty schools may employ a superintendent of schools without uniting with other cities or towns for the purpose. Said superintendent of schools shall be chosen in the same manner and for the same term his salary shall be fixed and he may be discharged under the same conditions as superintendents employed under the provisions of section fifty-six. Annually, in the month of December the chairman and secretary of said committee shall certify to the state superintendent of public schools, upon forms prescribed by him, all facts relative to the employment of a superintendent including the amount of his salary received, then upon the approval of said certificate by the state superintendent of public schools and presentation to the governor and council, a warrant shall be drawn upon the treasurer of state for the payment to the treasurer of that town or city, of a sum equal to the amount expended by said town or city for said superintendence, provided that the amount so paid for the benefit of a single town or city shall not be at a rate exceeding twelve hundred dollars for one year.'

Approved April 12, 1927.

Chapter 137.

An Act Relating to the Employment of Children.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 49, sec. 20; P. L., 1919, c. 190; relating to employment of minors under fourteen years of age, amended. Section twenty of chapter forty-nine of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter one hundred ninety of the public laws of nineteen hundred nineteen, is hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof the words 'except as hereinafter provided,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 20. Minors under fifteen years of age excepted from certain provisions of law relating to employment. No child under fourteen years of age shall be employed, permitted or suffered to work in, about, or in connection with any manufacturing or mechanical establishment. No child under fifteen years of age shall be employed, permitted or suffered to work at any business or service for hire, whatever, during the hours that the public schools of the town or city in which he resides are in session, except as hereinafter provided.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 49, sec. 21; P. L., 1917, c. 146; 1919, c. 190; relating to the employment of minors between ages of fourteen and sixteen years,

amended. Section twenty-one of chapter forty-nine of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter one hundred forty-six of the public laws of nineteen hundred seventeen, as amended by chapter one hundred and ninety of the public laws of nineteen hundred nineteen, is hereby further amended by inserting in the thirty-sixth line thereof after the word "do" the following: 'A child between the ages of fourteen and sixteen who, because of sub-normal mental capacity, is unable to successfully pass the tests necessary to allow a regular work permit to be issued, may under conditions deemed proper receive a work permit issued jointly by the commissioner of education and the commissioner of labor, such persons to be employed in non-hazardous occupations,' and by striking out in the fourteenth line thereof the word "six" and inserting in place thereof the word 'eight,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

Sec. 21. A work permit may be issued to a sub-normal child between ages of fourteen and sixteen who is unable to pass educational tests. No minor between the ages of fourteen and sixteen years shall be employed, permitted or suffered to work in any of the aforementioned occupations unless the person, firm or corporation employing such child procures and keeps on file accessible to any truant officer, factory inspector or other authorized officer charged with the enforcement of sections twenty to thirty-one, both inclusive, of this chapter, a work permit issued to said child by the superintendent of schools of the city or town in which the child resides, or by some person authorized by him in writing. The person authorized to issue a work permit shall not issue such permit until such child has furnished such issuing officer a certificate signed by the principal of the school last attended showing that the child can read and write correctly simple sentences in the English language and that he has satisfactorily completed the studies covered in the first eight yearly grades of the elementary public schools, or their equivalent; in case such certificate cannot be obtained, then the officer issuing the work permit shall examine such child to determine whether he can meet the educational standard specified and shall file in his office a statement setting forth the result of such examination; nor until he has received, examined, approved and filed satisfactory evidence of age showing that the child is fourteen years old or upwards; such evidence shall consist of a certified copy of the town clerk's record of the birth of said child, or a certified copy of his baptismal record, showing the date of his birth and place of baptism, or a passport showing the date of birth. In the event of the minor being unable to produce the evidence heretofore mentioned, and the person authorized to issue the work permit being satisfied of that fact, the said work permit may be issued on other documentary evidence of age satisfactory to the person authorized to issue the work permit, provided said documentary evidence has been approved by the state commissioner of

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labor. The superintendent of schools, or the person authorized to issue such work permit may require, in doubtful cases, a certificate signed by a physician appointed by the school board, or, in case there is no school physician, from the medical officer of the board of health, stating that such child has been examined by him, and, in his opinion, has reached the normal development of a child of its age, and is in sufficiently sound health and physically able to perform the work which he intends to do. A child between the ages of fourteen and sixteen who, because of sub-normal mental capacity, is unable to successfully pass the tests necessary to allow a regular work permit to be issued, may under conditions deemed proper receive a work permit issued jointly by the commissioner of education and the commissioner of labor, such persons to be employed in non-hazardous occupations. The state factory inspector, his deputy or agent, may require a similar certificate in doubtful cases of the minors employed under a work permit. A work permit when duly issued shall excuse such child from attendance at public schools; but no person shall issue such permit to any minor then in or about to enter his employment or the employment of the firm or corporation of which he is a member, stockholder, officer or employee.'

Approved April 12, 1927.

Chapter 138.

An Act Authorizing the State Highway Commission to Designate Certain State and State Aid Highways as Through Ways and to Regulate Traffic at Intersection of Such Through Ways with Other Ways.

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

Sec. 1. Highway commission may designate "through" ways; vehicles on through ways have right of way; vehicles to stop before entering a through way. For the purposes of this act, the state highway commission of Maine may from time to time designate certain state and state aid highways as through ways, and may after notice revoke any such designation. Every vehicle approaching on a through way to point of its intersection with a way other than a through way so as to arrive at such point at approximately the same instant as a vehicle approaching on such other way, shall as against such other vehicle have the right of way, and every vehicle immediately before entering or crossing a through way at its point of intersection with another way shall first come to a full stop, provided that whenever a traffic officer is stationed at such point, he shall have the right to regulate traffic thereat. No such designation of a through way shall become effective as to regulation of traffic at such a point of intersection until said commission shall have caused suitable