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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

Ninety-seventh Legislature

OF THE

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Chapter 210

AN ACT Relating to Sum Paid Superintendents of Schools of Towns Having More than Seventy-five Teachers.

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

R. S., c. 41, § 81, amended. The last sentence of section 81 of chapter 41 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Annually, in the month of June or whenever a superintendent of schools is chosen, the chairman and secretary pro tempore of the committee or Board of Education shall certify to the Commissioner, upon forms prescribed by him, all facts relative to the employment of a superintendent including the amount of the salary to be paid; then upon the approval of said certificate by the Commissioner, the superintendent so employed shall, on presentation of proper vouchers, receive monthly out of the sum appropriated for superintendence of towns comprising school unions a sum equal to the amount paid by the town, provided that the amount so paid shall not exceed ~~\$1,500~~ \$1,350 for one year for the superintendent of any one town.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 211

AN ACT Relating to Age of Commitment to State School for Boys.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 27, § 77, amended. The 1st sentence of section 77 of chapter 27 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'When a boy between the ages of 9 11 and 17 years is convicted before any court having jurisdiction of an offense punishable by imprisonment in the State Prison, not for life, or in the county jail or in the house of correction, such court may order his commitment to the State School for Boys or sentence him to the punishment provided by law for the same offense.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 146, § 6, amended. The 1st paragraph of section 6 of chapter 146 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'A municipal court may place children under the age of 17 years under the supervision, care and control of a probation officer or an agent of the Department of Health and Welfare or may order the child to be placed in a suitable family home subject to the supervision of a probation officer or the Department of Health and Welfare or may commit such child to the Department of Health and Welfare or make such other disposition as may seem best for the interests of the child and for the protection of the community including holding such child for the grand jury or commitment of such child to the Pownal State School upon certification of 2 physicians who are graduates of some legally organized medical college and have practiced 3 years in this State, that such child is mentally defective and that his or her mental age is not greater than $\frac{3}{4}$ of subject's life age nor under 3 years, or to the State School for Boys or State School for Girls; but no boy shall be committed to the State School for Boys who is under the age of 9 11 years and no girl shall be committed to the State School for Girls who

is under the age of 9 years and no municipal court shall sentence a child under the age of 17 years to jail or prison; any child or his next friend or guardian may appeal to the Superior Court in the same county in the same manner as in criminal appeals, and the court may accept the personal recognizance of such child, next friend or guardian, and said Superior Court may either affirm such sentence or order of commitment or make such other disposition of the case as may be for the best interests of such child and for the peace and welfare of the community.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 212

AN ACT Relating to Qualifications and License Fees for Practical Nurses.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 70, § 1, sub-§ II, ¶ A, amended. Paragraph A of subsection II of section 1 of chapter 70 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'A. ~~Is 20 years of age~~ Is 19 years of age;'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 70, § 1, sub-§ IV, amended. Subsection IV of section 1 of chapter 70 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'IV. Fee. The applicant applying for a license to practice as a licensed ~~nursing attendant~~ practical nurse shall pay a fee of ~~\$5~~ \$10 to the board.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 213

AN ACT Relating to Funeral Directors and Embalmers.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 25, § 195, amended. The second paragraph of section 195 of chapter 25 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Any person wishing to become a funeral director and to engage in the business or profession of funeral directing, and of preparing, other than by embalming, or disposing of dead human bodies by any means whatever in this State shall be at least 21 years of age, a citizen of the United States, be of good moral character, with not less than a high school education or its equivalent, shall have practiced funeral directing for at least 2 years under the direction and supervision of a licensed funeral director, and graduated from a 12 months' course in an approved school and graduated from a 12 months' course of study in a school or college of mortuary science, the requirements and standards of which school or college shall have the approval of the State Board of Examiners of Funeral Directors and Embalmers, and shall have an intelligent comprehension of the dangers from contagious and infectious diseases and of the actions and uses of dis-