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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

Ninety-seventh Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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of instruction, necessary facilities and supervision. In municipalities where there are too few handicapped or exceptional children to make the organization of a special class feasible, such children may be entered in a special class in another municipality. Other programs consistent with the purpose of sections 207-A to 207-I, inclusive, may be developed with the approval of the Commissioner.

Sec. 207-H. Reports. The superintendent of schools and the director of any institution eligible to receive subsidy under the provisions of sections 207-A to 207-I, inclusive, shall keep an accurate account of all moneys paid out for the maintenance of special classes, for special instruction and for special transportation, and shall report the same on forms provided for the purpose.

The superintendents of schools and directors of institutions shall report annually on forms provided by the State Department of Education all children who are physically or mentally handicapped, whether they are attending school or have been excused or excluded from school.

Sec. 207-I. Preparation of teachers. It shall be the duty of the Commissioner to see to it that suitable provision is made for the education of teachers and school administrators to meet the educational needs of handicapped or exceptional children. As funds may be made available for the purpose, he shall provide in one or more of the teachers' colleges courses of instruction and such special services for handicapped or exceptional children as will provide the necessary practical training and the demonstrations necessary for this professional training.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 41, §§ 208 - 216, repealed. Sections 208 to 216, inclusive, of chapter 41 of the revised statutes, which relates to the education of physically handicapped children, are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. Appropriation. In addition to the sum appropriated to carry out the provisions of sections 208 to 216, inclusive, of chapter 41 of the revised statutes, there is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of \$19,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956, and \$40,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1957, to carry out the purpose of this act.

Sec. 4. Intent. It is the intent of the Legislature that Sections 207-A to 207-I, inclusive, shall not supplant services available to handicapped children by any other department of the State.

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 468

AN ACT Relating to Compensation for Members of Mediation Panel.

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

R. S., c. 30, § 11, amended. The 4th sentence of section 11 of chapter 30 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Members of the panel shall each receive ~~\$20~~ \$25 a day for their services, for the time actually employed in the discharge of their official duties and shall also receive their traveling and all other necessary expenses.'

Effective August 20, 1955