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### § 1701. Defraying of expenses

Whenever not less than 30 of the teachers and school officers of any county shall have formed an association under rules of government approved by the commissioner for the purpose of mutual improvement in the science and art of teaching, and of creating popular interest in, and diffusing a knowledge of the best methods of improving our public school system, by the holding of conventions at least once every year under the supervision of the commissioner, the State shall defray the necessary expenses attending the holding of such conventions. Whenever a superintendent of schools shall hold a meeting or institute of the teachers of several towns for the purpose of giving instruction in methods of teaching or the conduct of schools or for the training of teachers already in service in a manner approved by the commissioner, financial assistance may be given by the State in defraying the expenses of such meetings.

R.S.1954, c. 41, § 155.

## § 1702. School suspended during convention

Teachers of public schools may suspend their schools for not more than 2 days in any year during the sessions of such conventions within their counties and for not more than 2 days in

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any year during the sessions of any state teachers' convention approved by the commissioner, unless otherwise directed in writing by the school officers, and attend said conventions without forfeiture of pay for the time of such attendance, provided they shall present to the officers employing them certificates signed by the secretaries of such conventions and countersigned by the commissioner, showing such attendance.

R.S.1954, c. 41, § 156.