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## CHAPTER 507

## PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

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**§ 3621. Plan approved by committee**

A plan for the erection or reconstruction of any schoolhouse voted by a town shall first be approved by the superintending school committee. In case no special building committee has been chosen by the town, said superintending school committee shall have charge of said erection or reconstruction. They may, if they see fit, delegate said power and duty to the superintendent of schools.

R.S.1954, c. 41, § 24.

**§ 3622. Plans and specifications furnished**

The commissioner shall procure architects' plans and specifications for school buildings of not exceeding 4 rooms each and full detail working plans therefor. Said plans and specifications shall be loaned to any superintending school committee or school building committee desiring to erect a new school building.

R.S.1954, c. 41, § 25.

**§ 3623. Facilities; occupancy and specifications; inspection and alterations; liability of administrative unit**

Where the plans and specifications prepared by the commissioner are not used, all superintending school committees, school building committees, school directors or school district trustees where new schoolhouses are to be erected shall make suitable provision for the heating, lighting, ventilating and hygienic conditions of such buildings, and all plans and specifications for any such proposed school building and plans for the reconstruction or remodeling of any school building, the expense for which shall exceed \$500, shall be submitted to and approved by the commissioner and the Bureau of Health before the same shall be ac-

cepted by the superintending school committee, school building committee, school directors or school district trustees of the administrative unit in which it is proposed to erect, reconstruct or remodel such building. The superintending school committee, school building committee, school directors or school district trustees, in charge of the erection of a new school building or of the reconstruction or remodeling of any school building as provided for by this section, shall seasonably notify the commissioner of its readiness for occupancy and shall report to the commissioner, on blanks furnished by said commissioner, such facts relative to the arrangement, construction or reconstruction of said building as shall indicate whether or not the proposals in the plans and specifications previously approved have been met. Whenever it shall appear to the commissioner that such approved plans in their provisions for heating, lighting, ventilating and hygienic conditions have not been carried out, he may cause an inspection of said building to be made and shall notify said committee, school directors or school district trustees of changes required to be made to comply with the conditions previously approved, and it shall be the duty of said committee, school directors or school district trustees promptly to rectify said conditions and failure to do so shall render the administrative unit liable to section 854.

R.S.1954, c. 41, § 26; 1955, c. 49; 1957, c. 364, § 10.

### **§ 3624. Exits; municipal officers to correct defects**

Any building which is used in whole or in part as a school-house shall be provided with proper egresses or other means of escape from fire sufficient for the use of all persons therein accommodated. These egresses and means of escape shall be kept unobstructed, in good repair and ready for use. Stairways on the outside of the building shall have suitable railed landings at each story above the first, accessible at each story from doors or windows. Such stairways, doors or windows shall be kept clean of snow, ice and other obstructions. In all school buildings there shall be at least 2 separate means of egress and each story shall be supplied with means of extinguishing fire, consisting of sprinkler systems or fire extinguishers or of a hose attached to a suitable water supply, and such appliances shall be kept at all times ready for use and in good condition. Upon written notification by the superintending school committee that any school building does not meet the specifications herein named, the municipal officers of the town shall at once proceed to correct the defects and any failure so to act shall render the town liable to section 854.

R.S.1954, c. 41, § 27; 1955, c. 146.