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§ 2901. Purpose

Governor Baxter State School for the Deaf, established by chapter 446 of the private and special laws of 1897, is to be devoted to the education and instruction of deaf children.

R.S.1954, c. 27, § 159; 1957, c. 379, § 1; 1963, c. 93, § 1.

§ 2902. State assumes charges and expenses; government

Said school shall be located in the County of Cumberland, and the State shall have the entire charge, responsibility and expense of maintaining said school. The government of said school is vested in the Department of Mental Health and Corrections.

R.S.1954, c. 27, § 160.

§ 2903. Powers and duties of department

The Department of Mental Health and Corrections shall have charge of the general interests of said school and see that its affairs are conducted in accordance with law. It may employ officers, teachers and other employees as it may deem advisable, subCh. 251 STATE SCHOOL FOR DEAF 34 § 2907

ject to the Personnel Law. It may from time to time prescribe the system of education and course of study to be pursued in the school.

R.S.1954, c. 27, § 161.

§ 2904. Admittance of children

With the consent of his parent or guardian, the Department of Mental Health and Corrections may admit to said school for a term not exceeding 16 years, any deaf child residing in this State and not less than 2 years of age, and the sums necessary for the support and instruction of such children while attending said school shall be paid by the State.

R.S.1954, c. 27, § 162; 1963, c. 93, § 2.

§ 2905. Deaf children sent to Governor Baxter State School

Every parent, guardian or other person having control of any mentally normal child between 6 and 18 years of age, too deaf to be materially benefited by the methods of instruction in vogue in the public schools, unless it can be shown that the child is receiving regular instruction during the same period in studies usually taught in the public schools, shall be required to send such child or youth to the Governor Baxter State School for the Deaf during the scholastic year of that school. Such child or youth shall attend such school, year after year, until discharged by the superintendent upon approval of the Department of Mental Health and Corrections.

R.S.1954, c. 27, § 163; 1957, c. 379, § 2; 1963, c. 93, § 3.

§ 2906. Costs

For each child admitted to the school, the town in which the child is entitled to school privileges in accordance with Title 20, section 859 shall pay to the State, to be credited to the General Fund, an amount equal to the per capita cost of instruction and equipment in a public elementary school for a normal child in that town.

R.S.1954, c. 27, § 164; 1955, c. 215.

§ 2907. Admittance of children from other states

Deaf children residing in other states may, at the discretion of the Department of Mental Health and Corrections, be admitted to said school upon the payment by their parents, guardian or other responsible agency of a reasonable compensation to be fixed by the department. All income from this or any other source shall be paid to the Treasurer of State and shall be credited to the General Fund.

R.S.1954, c. 27, § 165; 1961, c. 245; 1963, c. 93, § 4.