

Bill No. 55 of 1945.

A BILL RESPECTING SCHOOL GRANTS.

NOTE.

This Bill repeals *The School Grants Act*, chapter 177 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1942. That Act authorized grants to school districts for the most part based on the number of authorized teaching days during which the school was kept open. The proposed new Act authorizes the Lieutenant Governor in Council to make regulations for the appointment and distribution of the monies appropriated by the Legislative Assembly towards the support of education.

Section 3 sets out the classes of schools to which grants may be paid.

Section 4 states the purposes for which grants may be made.

Section 5 sets out the various factors to be considered by the Lieutenant Governor in Council in making the regulations authorized by section 2.

Section 6 sets out certain specific matters which may be provided for by the regulations and as to which there might be doubt as to the authority of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, unless they were specifically mentioned.

The Act is to come into force on proclamation.

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(This note does not form any part of the Bill but is offered in explanation of its provisions.)

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(Assented to _____, 1945.)

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as "*The School Grants Act, 1945.*"

2. The Minister may, with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, make regulations for the apportionment and distribution of all money appropriated by the Legislative Assembly for the purpose of making grants towards the support of elementary and secondary education.

3. The regulations made hereunder may provide for the payment of grants to any or all of the following; rural school districts, village school districts, consolidated school districts, town school districts, rural high school districts, separate school districts, and school divisions.

4. The regulations made hereunder may provide for the payment of grants for any or all of the following purposes or to assist in carrying out any or all of the following purposes:

- (a) The operation of elementary and secondary schools;
- (b) The provision of school buildings, including dormitories and teachers' residences;
- (c) The payment of bonuses to teachers;
- (d) The provision of books and equipment;
- (e) The provision of special services, including health services, supervisors of instruction, kindergartens, classes for handicapped children, technical, commercial, home economics or other special subjects of instruction, and night classes;
- (f) The provision of conveyance for pupils.

5. In determining the grants to be paid to school districts and divisions, the regulations may have regard to such factors as may be deemed necessary, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, such factors may include,—

- (a) the assessed value of land and the full assessed value of buildings and improvements, and the

assessed value of businesses and personal property situate within the area comprised in the school district or division;

- (b) The level of instruction offered in any classroom or by any teacher;
- (c) the number of pupils in attendance in any classroom;
- (d) The expenditure of the district or division for educational purposes, including legitimate costs of administration.

6. Without limiting the generality of the authority conferred by section 2, the regulations made hereunder may provide for the following matters:

- (a) For the payment of grants during such time as schools or classrooms may be closed because of the attendance of teachers at institutes or conventions or because of the illness of the teacher, or because of the presence or threat of an epidemic of disease;
- (b) For the payment of grants to schools located in an area not included in any school district which in the opinion of the Minister provide educational services of approved quality and which serve the educational needs of a portion of the Province;
- (c) For the payment of grants to persons resident in an area not included in any school district to assist them with the education of their children in operating schools;
- (d) For authority of the Minister to pay a special grant to a school district or division upon the certificate of an inspector of schools that the grant is necessary by reason of the circumstances prevailing in the district or division to enable it to continue the operation of a school or schools;
- (e) For the payment of grants in aid of musical festivals or school festivals.

7. *The School Grants Act*, being chapter 177 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1942, is hereby repealed.

8. This Act shall come into force on a day to be fixed by Proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

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