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H^{ER} MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1. The School Act is amended by this Act.

2. Section 134(1)(f) is repealed.

3. Section 134(2) is repealed and the following is substituted:

(2) A board may excuse from attendance in a regular classroom any pupil whose special educational needs, in the opinion of an inspector or superintendent, are of such a nature that regular classroom experience is not productive or is detrimental to the pupil.

(3) Within a period of 15 days after a pupil has been excused from attendance in a regular classroom pursuant to subsection (2), the board, with the approval of the parent, shall arrange for the child to receive special education in a special class, special school or other instructional organization or agency approved by the Minister which provides special education, or in any other manner considered suitable by the Minister.

(4) The special education shall, if possible, be provided in the district or division in which the parents of the pupil are resident, and if this is not possible, in the nearest district or division where suitable special education can be given.

(5) Where a pupil receives special education, the costs of the special education shall be borne by the district or division in which the parents of the pupil are resident.

(6) Where a pupil receives special education in a district or division in which his parents are not resident, the district or division in which his parents are resident shall pay to the parents of the pupil their reasonable expenses in respect of the pupil's travel **Explanatory Notes**

1. Amends chapter 329 Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1970.

2. Removes right of board to excuse attendance on grounds that no suitable program is offered at a school.

3. Amends section 134 to require provision of suitable program, if necessary in another district.

to and from the place of such special education to the extent that it exceeds the expenses that would have been incurred if the pupil had been educated in the district or division in which his parents are resident.

4. Section 138(b) is repealed.

5. This Act comes into force on July 1, 1981.

4. Consequential.