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No. 74 of 1913 (Second Session.)

An Act respecting School Grants.

(Assented to 1913.)

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.*" Short title

2. In this Act unless the context otherwise requires, all words, names and expressions shall have the same meaning as is expressly or impliedly attached to them in *The School Ordinance*. Interpretation

3. In aid of schools organized and conducted under the provisions of *The School Ordinance* and regulations in that behalf there shall be paid out of any legislative appropriation made for that purpose— Grants to schools

1. To rural districts— Rural

- (a) To each district the sum of \$1.10 per day for each legally authorized teaching day during which the school is kept open;
- (b) An additional sum of 30 cents per day for each legally authorized teaching day during which the school is kept open in the year of its organization of the school district and the three succeeding years;
- (c) A special grant for the encouragement of the teaching of agriculture and school gardening to be fixed and apportioned in accordance with regulations of the Minister as approved by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

2. To village and town districts— Village and town

- (a) To a district in which the number of teachers employed does not exceed 12 the sum of \$1.00 for each day the school is kept open;
- (b) To a district in which the number of teachers employed is between 13 and 40 inclusive the sum of 75 cents for each day the school is kept open;
- (c) To a district in which the number of teachers employed is between 41 and 100 inclusive the sum of 60 cents for each day the school is kept open;
- (d) To a district in which the number of teachers employed is between 101 and 200 inclusive the sum of 50 cents for each day the school is kept open;
- (e) To a district in which the number of teachers employed exceeds 200 the sum of 30 cents for each day the school is kept open;
- (f) Special grant or grants to be fixed and apportioned by the Minister under regulations approved by the Lieutenant Governor in Council for the encouragement of the teaching of such special subjects and classes as may be approved by the Minister;

Provided, however, that where a separate school district has been established within the area of a public school district, such public and separate school districts shall for the purpose of classification under this clause be deemed to be one district only, but in apportioning the grant payable to the public and separate schools respectively there shall be no discrimination:

Provided further, that the increase in the number of teachers employed in any school district shall not have the effect of reducing the total amount of grant payable to such school district, but the district shall be entitled to be paid grant on the basis of the number of teachers employed less such increase and at the higher rate.

3. To each rural or village district whose school attains a minimum grading on its efficiency in respect to grounds, buildings, equipment, government and progress a sum not exceeding 15 cents per day to be paid in proportion to such grading for each day school is kept open; and such grading shall be based upon the inspector's report or reports as prescribed by the regulations of the department:

Provided, however, that the department may in lieu of such sum or any portion thereof supply to such district for its school library or libraries books of equal value selected from the list authorized by the department for library purposes.

4. To each district having a daily average attendance of at least six pupils in grades above the eighth as classified by the regulations of the department, and not maintaining one or more rooms exclusively for such grades, the sum of \$40.00 per term.

5. To each district maintaining one or more rooms exclusively for pupils in grades above the eighth as classified by the regulations of the department and having a daily average attendance of not less than 15 the sum of \$75.00 per term.

6. To each consolidated school district:

- (a) The total amount of the grant which, in the estimation of the Minister, would have been earned by each of the school districts united into the consolidated school district had each of such districts been conducting school for the number of days that the consolidated had been kept open;
- (b) 80 cents per day for each conveyance employed by the district to convey pupils to and from the school house in the said district; provided, however, that the style of conveyance and the route travelled shall, in each case, be approved by the Minister.

7. To each district providing means of conveyance for the children of the district to the school of another district under the provisions of section 165 of *The School Ordinance* such amount as the Minister may determine but not to exceed the amount the district would have earned had it kept its own school open for the number of days such conveyance was used with a minimum attendance of five.

4. No grant shall be paid to any district under the provisions of section 3 hereof unless an average attendance of five is maintained in its school for the term immediately preceding the time when the payment of the grant may be due.

5. Any and every amount payable to any district under section 3 hereof shall not, unless otherwise provided, be payable for more than 210 days in any calendar year. ^{Maximum number of days}

6. In any district where more than one teacher are employed each room shall rank as a district under the provisions of clauses 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 of section 3 hereof, when the average attendance of the whole school shall at least equal twenty pupils to each teacher employed. ^{Each room to rank as district}

7. If the sum total of the grants payable to any district shall exceed 70 per cent. of the salary actually earned by the teacher or teachers employed in the district during the year the amount of the grant payable at the end of the second term of the year shall be reduced so that the total amount of the grant paid shall equal the said 70 per cent. ^{Not to exceed 70 % of salary}

8. Payments may be made in respect of the amounts earned under clause 1 or clause 2 of section 3 hereof at the end of the school term ending on the 30th day of June and the 31st day of December in each year on receipt of the returns hereinafter provided and on receipt of the treasurer's bond and the teacher's agreement as provided in *The School Ordinance*. ^{Payable at end of term}

9. In case the school of any district is open during only a portion of the year payment may be made to such district in respect to the amounts earned under clause 1 or clause 2 of section 3 hereof as soon as the school closes for the year on receipt of the returns, bond and agreement mentioned in the next preceding section. ^{Or at end of school year}

10. When the return of the treasurer of any district as hereinafter provided shows that the district is indebted to any teacher or teachers with respect to salary the grant payable to such district under clause 1 or clause 2 of section 3 hereof or such portion of it to the amount of such indebtedness shall be paid proportionately to such teacher or teachers. ^{Payable to teacher for arrears of salary}

11. The grant earned by any district under clause 3 of section 3 hereof shall be paid to such district at the end of the school year and in case the school of any district is not inspected during the year the district shall be paid for such year such grant as it may be entitled to upon the basis of the grading its school attains on the first inspection in the following year. ^{Under clause 3 if no inspection}

12. Any district whose school has been closed on account of the absence of the teacher in attending a teachers' institute or convention held under the regulations of the department shall be entitled to all grants as if the school had been actually in operation during such period. ^{Teacher attending convention}

13. If in any district the school has been closed by the written order of a duly qualified medical practitioner on account of the prevalence within the district of any disease the Lieutenant Governor in Council may pay grants in respect of such days as the school has been closed but in no case shall such grants be paid for more than thirty teaching days in the calendar year. ^{School closed by reason of disease}

14. The Lieutenant Governor in Council may order ^{Special grant by Order in Council} the payment of a special grant to any school whether organized according to law or not.

15. The secretary, treasurer and teacher of every district shall at the end of each school term forward to the Minister ^{Statements to be forwarded} such statements respecting the school and district as are necessary to enable him to apportion the grants to which it may be entitled under this Act and such statement shall be verified by declaration and shall be in form prescribed by the Minister.

16. For the purpose of estimating the grant which ^{Computation of averages} may be earned by any school on account of the attendance of pupils the average attendance for any calendar month during which the school is kept open shall be calculated by dividing the aggregate days attendance for such month by the number of days school is kept open during such month; the percentage of attendance for any month school is kept open shall be calculated by dividing the average attendance for such month by the number of pupils in actual attendance during such month; and the percentage of attendance for any term shall be calculated by dividing the sum of the monthly percentages of attendance by the number of such monthly percentages of attendance.

17. No grant shall be paid under clause 4 or clause ^{No fees} 5 of section 3 hereof to any district which imposes school fees on pupils in grades above the eighth, whether they are residents of the school district or otherwise.

18. In town districts supervisors whose qualifications ^{Supervisors} and appointment are approved by the Minister shall, for the purposes of this Act, rank as teachers.

19. *The School Grants Ordinance* and amendments thereto ^{Repealed} is hereby repealed.

20. This Act shall come into force on the first day of January, 1914.

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