

Bill No. 69 of 1941.

A BILL TO AMEND THE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ACT

NOTE.

This Bill amends *The School Attendance Act*.

The majority of the amendments merely enlarge existing sections so that they cover not only schools in school districts, but in school divisions as well. The school divisions have the right to direct the school in the division which any pupil shall attend irrespective of whether it is in his district or not, and this Act is amended accordingly in this regard also.

To bring all the provisions relating to exempting circumstances together, subsection (2) of section 15 has been struck out and re-enacted as paragraph (f) of section 5.

The amendments to section 9 make a change in the wording so that this section now conforms with the wording of other sections in the Act although the meaning is not changed thereby.

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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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An Act to amend The School Attendance Act.

(Assented to , 1941.)

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 Attendance Act Amendment Act, 1941.*"

2. *The School Attendance Act*, being chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1922, is hereby amended as to section 3 by striking out the same and by substituting therefor the following:

"3. Every child who has attained the age of seven years and who has not yet attained the full age of fifteen years, shall, unless excused for the reasons hereinafter mentioned, attend school for the full term or terms during which the school of the school district in which he resides is open, or in case such district maintains more than one school, then for the full term or terms during which the school therein which he has the right to attend is open, or if he resides in a district included in a school division, then for the full term or terms during which the school therein which he has the right to attend or which he is directed by the Divisional Board to attend, is open.

"Provided, however, that if the Board of any school district or school division has, under the provisions of *The School Act*, entered into an agreement for the education of its children or any of them with the Board of another school district or school division, the school of such last mentioned district or division which a child is entitled or directed to attend under such agreement, as the case may be, shall, for the purposes of this section be deemed to be the school of the district in which such child resides."

3. The said Act is further amended as to section 5,—

- (a) by striking out the words "nearest public or separate school which he has the right to attend", where the same occur in paragraph (c) thereof, and by substituting therefor the words "nearest school which he has the right to attend or which he is directed to attend";

- (b) by inserting after the words "or other district", where the same occur in the first proviso to paragraph (c) thereof, the words "whether included or not included in a school division";
- (c) by inserting after the word "attend", where the same occurs in paragraph (d) thereof, the words "or which he is directed to attend";
- (d) by striking out paragraph (e) thereof, and by substituting therefor the following:
 "(e) the child has passed the Grade IX examination prescribed by the Department of Education, or has completed a course which gives him an equivalent standing;"
- (e) by adding thereto as paragraph (f), the following new paragraph:
 "(f) the child is absent from school on a day regarded as a holy day by the church or religious denomination to which such child belongs."

4. The said Act is further amended as to section 6,—

- (a) by striking out the words "while the public school of the district in which the child resides is in session", where the same occur in subsection (1) thereof, and by substituting therefor the words "while the school which the child has the right to attend or which he is directed to attend is in session";
- (b) by striking out the words "commissioner of the juvenile court", where the same occur in subsection (2) thereof, and by substituting therefor the words "judge of the juvenile court";
- (c) by striking out the proviso to subsection (2) thereof.

5. The said Act is further amended as to section 7,—

- (a) by striking out the words "shall appoint", where the same occur in subsection (1) thereof, and by substituting therefor the words "shall, and the board of any school division may appoint";
- (b) by striking out the words "by the regulations" where the same occur in subsection (8) thereof.

6. The said Act is further amended as to section 9,—

- (a) by striking out the words "before the magistrate", where the same occur in lines 3 and 4 of subsection (3) thereof, and by substituting therefor the words "before a justice of the peace or a police magistrate";
- (b) by striking out the word "magistrate", where the same occurs in line six of subsection (3) thereof, and by substituting therefor the words "justice of the peace or police magistrate".

7. The said Act is further amended as to section 11 by striking out subsection (1) thereof and by substituting therefor the following:

“11.—(1) The teacher or the principal of every school shall, as required by the board or by the Minister, report to the Attendance Officer of the school district or of the school division in which the school is situated, as the case may be, the names, ages and residences of all pupils on the school register who have not attended school as required by this Act, together with such other information as the Attendance Officer may require for enforcing the provisions of this Act.”

8. The said Act is further amended as to section 15 by striking out subsection (2) thereof.

9. This Act shall come into force on the day upon which it is assented to.

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