

Bill No. 71 of 1944.

A BILL TO AMEND THE SCHOOL GRANTS ACT.

NOTE.

This Bill amends *The School Grants Act*, chapter 177, R.S.A., 1942.

The new subsection (3) added to section 6 of the Act by section 1 of the Bill authorizes in large districts where it is necessary for the board to provide vans to convey the children, grants equal to those now made to consolidated districts. Subsection (4) makes a similar provision for a school division which makes adequate provision for education of senior pupils at a graded school in a district other than the one in which they reside.

The new paragraph (f) added to section 7 of the Act by section 2 of the Bill provides similar grants to village and town districts which enter into an agreement with another village or town district or a school division for the education of pupils in grades above Grade VIII in a high school offering instruction above Grade VIII exclusively.

Section 3 of the Bill strikes out subsections (5) and (6) of section 26. These subsections placed a maximum on grants to school districts, and these provisions are considered as working hardships on some of the poorer districts, and it is considered advisable to remove the maximum amounts.

The new section 27a enacted by section 4 of the Bill provides for assistance of school districts and school divisions in erecting a teacher's residence and buildings to be used for school purposes. Provision is made in subsection (3) for the erection of the buildings in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the Minister, and it is further provided that the board shall contribute not less than 20% of the cost, the amount of the contribution to be determined by the Minister.

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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 Grants Act.

(Assented to _____, 1944.)

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

1. *The School Grants Act*, being chapter 177 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1942, is hereby amended as to section 6 by adding at the end thereof the following new subsections:

“(3) When, in the opinion of the Minister, the area of a district is so large as to make it necessary for the board to provide one or more vans to convey the children, or any of them, to and from school, there shall be payable at the discretion of the Minister to the board the same grants as would be payable under paragraphs (c), (d) and (e) of subsection (1) hereof if the said district were a consolidated district.

“(4) When the board of a school division maintains the school of a district in operation for the junior pupils and in the opinion of the Minister makes adequate provision for the education of the senior pupils at a graded school in another district and also makes provision for their transportation to and from such graded school, there shall be payable to the board of the division a grant for conveyance equivalent to the grant payable to the board of a consolidated school district under paragraphs (c), (d) and (e) of subsection (1) hereof.”

2. The said Act is further amended as to section 7 by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

“(f) When the board of a village or town school district enters into an agreement with the board of another village or town school district, or with the board of a school division, for the education of its pupils in grades above Grade VIII in a high school employing two or more teachers, offering instruction in grades above Grade VIII exclusively, and if provision is made for the conveyance of such pupils to and from the school which the pupils have the right to attend under any such agreement, there shall be payable to the district the same grants as would be payable under paragraphs (c), (d) and (e) of subsection (1) of section 6 hereof if the said district were a consolidated school district.”

3. The said Act is further amended as to section 26 by striking out subsections (5) and (6) thereof.

4. The said Act is further amended by adding immediately after section 27 thereof the following new section:

"27a.—(1) The Minister may authorize payment of a special grant to the board of a rural district or to the board of a school division to enable such board to erect a teacher's residence or teachers' residences.

"(2) The Minister may authorize payment of a special grant to any board to assist such board to erect any building to be used for school purposes.

"(3) Every teacher's residence referred to in subsection (1) and every building to be used for school purposes referred to in subsection (2) hereof shall be erected according to plans and specifications approved by the Minister, and the board shall contribute such portion, being not less than twenty per cent, of the cost, as may be determined by the Minister."

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

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