

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO ENLARGE THE POWERS OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS IN RELATION TO COMPELLING THE ATTENDANCE OF PUPILS AT SCHOOL.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. That any person having under his control a child between the ages of eight
2 and fourteen years shall annually during such control send such child to school at least
3 sixteen weeks, twelve weeks of such time shall be consecutive, and for every neglect of such
4 duty the party offending shall forfeit to the use of the school fund a sum not exceed-
5 ing twenty dollars; but if it appear upon inquiry of school officers of any district or
6 upon trial of any prosecution that the party so neglecting was not able by reason of poverty
7 to send such child to school, or that the child has been otherwise furnished with the means
8 of education for a like period of time, or has already acquired the ordinary branches of
9 learning taught in public schools, or has been prevented from attending school by bad
10 health or by reason of bad weather and distance from school, the penalty shall not be
11 incurred.

SEC. 2. The board of directors of each independent district, and of each township dis-
2 trict, shall appoint at their annual meeting in March one or more of their number, or other
3 suitable person or persons, to be known as visiting officers, whose duty it shall be, under
4 the direction of the board of directors, to notify by personal visitation where necessary, all
5 families in the district of the opening of any term of school at least one week in advance of
6 such opening, to do such general and special work by personal visitation, persuasion and
7 other suitable means as will in the judgment of the directors add to the efficiency and use-
8 fulness of the public schools.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the visiting officers to keep an accurate record of the
2 names and number of families visited, also the names and number of children, over eight
3 and under fourteen years of age, whose education is habitually neglected, and report them
4 with such other facts as the board may direct, to the secretary of the district, who shall lay
5 the same before the board of directors, and make a summary of the same in his report to the
6 county superintendent.

SEC. 4. The board of directors shall direct the secretary to supply the children, whose
2 parents or guardian are unable by reason of poverty to do so, with the necessary books,
3 taking the names of the children supplied, the title of the books and the price of same, and
4 also include the same in his report to the county superintendent.

SEC. 5. The board of directors shall make all needful rules and regulations for the pre-
2 ventation of truancy, and for the carrying out of the provisions of this act.

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2 fourteen years shall annually during such control cause such child to attend school at least
3 twelve weeks, eight of which shall be consecutive, and for every neglect of such duty the
4 party offending shall forfeit to the use of the school fund a sum not exceeding five dollars;
5 but if the person so neglecting was not able by reason of poverty to send such child to
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6 such opening, to do such general and special work by personal visitation, persuasion and
7 other suitable means as will in the judgment of the directors add to the efficiency and use-
8 fulness of the public schools; and such officers shall have power to arrest any truant with-
10 out warrant and deliver him to the school to which he belongs.

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5 the same before the board of directors, and make a summary of the same in his report to the
6 county superintendent.

SEC. 4. The board of directors in each independent school district containing one thou-
2 sand pupils, or more, may provide a separate school for truants and other children, who
3 may be found incorrigible.

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