

Hon. Mr. Wright.

EDUCATION AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Education Act, 1914.

Title.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short Title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Education Amendment Act, 1927, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Education Act, 1914 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

Definition of "private school" amended.

2. Section two of the principal Act is hereby amended as follows:—
 (a) By omitting the definition of "Private school," and substituting the following definition:—

"Private school" means any private primary or private secondary school:

(b) By omitting from the definition of "Private secondary school" the word "eight," and substituting the word "twenty."

3. (1) Where pursuant to any lawful authority the Minister has caused classes to be established for imparting instruction to children by correspondence, the Director may, by notice in writing, call upon the parent of any child exempted from attendance at school under paragraph (a) or paragraph (d) of subsection one of section sixty of the principal Act, to have the name of the child enrolled on the register of such classes for the period of the exemption, and thereafter to ensure the carrying-out by the child of the requirements of the course of instruction.

Certain children exempted from school attendance to be enrolled in correspondence classes.

(2) A parent who fails to have the name of his child enrolled as aforesaid shall be liable to the same penalty as in the case of failure to

enrol the name of a child on a school register, and the provisions of section sixty-one of the principal Act shall apply accordingly.

(3) A parent who, having enrolled the name of his child on the register of correspondence classes, allows the child to make default in carrying out the requirements of the course of instruction shall be liable to the same penalty as in the case of the non-attendance of a child at school, and the provisions of section sixty-two of the principal Act shall, with the necessary modifications, apply accordingly. 5

Temporary teacher may be appointed permanently on becoming qualified.

4. If any person while temporarily appointed to a position as teacher pursuant to the proviso to subsection one of section seventy-one of the principal Act obtains his teacher's certificate the Board may, with the concurrence of the Senior Inspector, permanently appoint such person to the position without inviting applications by advertisement as required by the said section seventy-one. 10

Penalty for minor breaches of discipline by teachers.

5. Section eighty-two of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:— 15

“(3) The Board may, with the approval of the Minister, inflict a fine, not exceeding *ten* pounds, on any teacher guilty of wilful disobedience to any lawful command or of neglect of duty, and such fine may be deducted by the Board from any salary payable to the teacher.” 20

Admissions to secondary schools may be regulated.

6. Where the accommodation available at any secondary school is not sufficient for all the children qualified for free places and applying for admission thereto the Minister may, by notice in writing, direct the governing body of the school to restrict the admission of pupils to the school in manner set out in the notice: 25

Provided that no direction shall be given which would exclude any child qualified for a free place from admission as a pupil unless there is adequate and reasonably convenient provision for such child available at another secondary school.

Travelling-expenses of managers of technical schools.

7. The Board of Managers of any technical school may reimburse to every member the expenses reasonably incurred and actually paid by him in going to and returning from any meeting of the Board, or of any Committee thereof of which he is a member, or in making any official visit when appointed by the Board to make such visit, or in attending (as a representative appointed by the Board) any conference summoned or approved by the Minister: 30 35

Provided that no payment under the authority of this section shall be made to any such member who has been already paid, or is entitled to be paid, any sum in respect of the same travelling-expenses by any other person or body corporate. 40

Control of normal schools.

8. Section two of the Statute Law Amendment Act, 1917, is hereby amended by repealing subsection two thereof.

Procedure as to staffing where grade of position increased.

9. (1) Section nine of the Education Amendment Act, 1919, as amended by the Education Amendment Act, 1920, is hereby further amended as follows:— 45

(a) By omitting from subsection one, as set out in section thirty-nine of the Education Amendment Act, 1920, the words “subject to the provisions hereinafter contained”; and by adding to the same subsection the words “unless the Board and the Senior Inspector, having regard to the interests of the school and the claims of other teachers, decide that he shall be retained in the position at the increased salary.” 50

(b) By omitting subsection two, and substituting the following subsection:—

“ (2) If the teacher is not to be retained in the position at the increased salary in accordance with the provisions of the *last preceding* subsection, the Board shall take the first opportunity of transferring him to another suitable position. The Board shall, within *one* month after the date of the taking effect of the alteration of grade, notify the teacher whether he is to be retained in the position or is to be transferred.”

10 (c) By repealing subsection three.

(2) Section thirty-nine of the Education Amendment Act, 1920, is hereby amended by repealing paragraphs (b) and (c) thereof.

Consequential
repeal.

15 I.O. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section one hundred and two of the principal Act, as amended by section eight of the Education Amendment Act, 1926, candidates who are over fifteen but not over sixteen years of age on the first day of December in either of the years nineteen hundred and twenty-eight and nineteen hundred and twenty-nine may compete for senior national scholarships at the examinations held in such year and may be awarded scholarships.

Temporary
postponement of
new age-limit for
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