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TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to make Better Provision for Manual and Technical Education. Title.

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

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Technical Education Act, 1897," and it shall come into operation on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight. Short Title.
- 10 2. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context,— Interpretation.
- "Controlling authority" means any Education Board, Board of Governors, Committee, or society, or ~~person~~ establishing and conducting any class under this Act:
- 15 "Continuation class" means a class commencing not earlier than four o'clock in the afternoon, and giving instruction in such of the ordinary public school subjects or other subjects of general education as the controlling authority thereof from time to time prescribes:
- "Education Act" means "The Education Act, 1877":
- 20 "Education Board" means an Education Board under the Education Act:

“Manual instruction” means instruction in the practical ~~handling use~~ of tools, and ~~in the actual construction of models and other articles in metal, wood, clay, or other material:~~ *processes of agriculture, and modelling in clay, wood, or other material:*

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“Minister” means the Minister of Education:

“Practical domestic economy” means practical domestic economy as defined by regulations under this Act:

“Public school” means a public school under the control of an Education Board:

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“Technical instruction” means instruction in the principles of science and art applicable to industries, and in the application of specific branches of science and art to specific industries; and includes such instruction in the use of tools and appliances as is necessary to the full illustration of the application of any branch of science and art to any specific industry. It also includes instruction in such other branches of science or art, whether applicable to industries or not, as the Governor in Council from time to time specifies in that behalf.

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Board may order manual instruction to be given.

3. Any Education Board may from time to time order manual instruction to be given in classes in any specified public school under its control, and in such case and so long as such order continues in force the following provisions shall apply in respect of the public school to which such order relates:—

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(1.) Manual instruction shall be deemed to be included in the list of subjects of instruction prescribed by subsection one of section eighty-four of the Education Act, and ~~shall~~ *may* be given in classes during the ordinary school-hours.

Modification of school system thereupon.

(2.) The Education Board may modify, in such manner and to such extent as it thinks fit, the provisions of subsection two of the aforesaid section eighty-four, requiring that two of the school-hours in the morning and two in the afternoon shall be consecutive.

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(3.) For the purpose of enabling manual *and technical* instruction to be efficiently given without overstraining the pupils, work in the other subjects of instruction *in standards above the Fourth Standard* may be lightened in such manner and to such extent as the Governor in Council prescribes by regulations under the Education Act.

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Instruction may be given in extra school-hours.

4. (1.) Any Education Board, as the controlling authority, may from time to time, in respect of any public school under its control, authorise any teacher thereof or any other fit instructor to hold therein classes in the subjects of manual instruction or practical domestic economy at hours outside the ordinary school time.

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(2.) In such case, but solely for the purpose of enabling the Education Board to retain control of the school-building and grounds, the hours during which such classes are held shall be deemed to be extra school-hours.

Classes that Education Board may establish.

5. Irrespective of and apart from the ordinary course of public school instruction, any Education Board, as the controlling authority, may from time to time, in any public school or other fit place

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within its education district, establish, conduct, and maintain out of its general funds all or any of the following classes, that is to say:—

- (1.) Continuation classes;
- (2.) Classes for manual instruction;
- 5 (3.) Classes for technical instruction;
- (4.) Classes for practical domestic economy.

6. The Minister may, *after consultation with the Education Board in a district*, from time to time, by license under his hand, empower the Board of Governors of a secondary school, or any

10 Committee or society ~~or person~~, *constituted for the promotion of technical education*, to establish and conduct, under competent instructors, any of the classes referred to in the *last-preceding* section hereof in any suitable locality in or reasonably near to which no similar class is being conducted *or supervised* by any Education Board:

License to other authorities or persons to establish classes.

15 ~~Provided that no such license in respect of a continuation class shall be issued to any individual person.~~

Provided that no school in which any religious creed or formulary is taught shall be subsidised under this Act.

7. Such license may, in the Minister's discretion, be revoked by

20 him at any time if he is dissatisfied with the mode in which the class is being conducted, or if, ~~with his approval~~, any Education Board, as the controlling authority, ~~is prepared to establish~~ *has established* a similar class in or reasonably near to the same locality:

When Minister may revoke license.

25 ~~Provided that in the latter case he shall, if the controlling authority of the established class so requires, give six~~ *twelve* months' notice of his intention to cancel the license.

8. Subject to the provisions of this Act, every Education Board or other controlling authority establishing and conducting classes under this Act (not being classes under section *three* hereof) shall be

30 entitled to receive payment under this Act in the cases and to the extent following, that is to say,—

Payments in respect of classes established.

(1.) In the case of manual instruction or practical domestic economy, where the instruction is given for two hours or upwards each week through a term of ten complete weeks,

35 a payment in respect of each unit of the average attendance at the class during the term, at the rate of *one shilling and ninepence* multiplied by the number of hours' instruction given in each week of the term:

Computation thereof.

40 *Provided that in every case where the length of the term exceeds ten weeks the aforesaid rate of payment shall be increased by one-tenth of one shilling and ninepence for each complete week of such excess;*

(2.) In the case of technical instruction, where the instruction is given for one hour or upwards each week through a term

45 of ten complete weeks, a payment in respect of each such unit, computed at the rate, in the manner, and on the basis aforesaid;

(3.) In the case of a continuation class, where the instruction is given for one hour or upwards each week through a term of

50 ten complete weeks, a payment in respect of each such unit at the rate of *one shilling* computed in the manner and on the basis aforesaid:

Provided that in the case of a continuation class no payment shall be made in respect of any public school subject the standard whereof is lower than the standard of education as prescribed by regulations under the Education Act, nor in respect of any other subject the teaching whereof is not sanctioned by the Minister, nor in respect of any pupil under the age of *thirteen* years.

Struck out.

9. The rate of payment hereinbefore prescribed may, with the consent of the Governor in Council, be increased to the extent of not more than one-half in the case of any class under this Act which is established and conducted for practical work in any special branch of technical instruction.

Increased payment in respect of practical work.

10. (1.) The rate of payment hereinbefore prescribed may, with the consent of the Minister, be increased to the extent of not more than one-half in the case of any class under this Act which is established and conducted by the controlling authority thereof in any place distant more than five miles from the nearest boundary of a town or borough containing a population of not less than five thousand inhabitants according to the latest census returns.

Increased payment in respect of country classes.

(2) ~~The respective increases authorised by this and the last preceding sections may be cumulative.~~

11. In any case where ~~the controlling authority of a class under this Act is the instructor thereof, or where~~ the Minister is satisfied that the class is established and conducted solely for pecuniary gain, no payment under this Act shall be made in respect thereof for more than *five* hours in any week, nor shall the total payment for any term exceed *twenty-five* pounds.

Payment when classes conducted for pecuniary gain.

12. No payment under this Act shall be made in respect of any class which has not been carried on with regularity through a term of at least ten weeks :

No payment unless term at least ten weeks.

Provided that in any case where the class-day is a public holiday, or a day appointed by the Minister for the examination of the students, the failure of the class to meet for instruction on that day shall not affect the right to payment under this Act.

13. In no case shall any payment in respect of any class be made under this Act unless and until the Minister is satisfied that the class has been efficiently instructed by a competent instructor throughout the term, nor unless the claim for payment is rendered to the Minister within one month after the end of the term.

Competent instructor must be employed.

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14. In every case where more classes than one are established and conducted in any one place by any Education Board or other controlling authority, all the classes shall have the same length of term, and all the terms shall begin on the same day.

Classes in same place to have same term.

15. The payments hereinbefore provided for shall be made out of moneys to be appropriated by Parliament for the purpose.

Payments to be out of moneys appropriated.
Fees for attendance at classes.

16. The Education Board or other controlling authority establishing and conducting any class in respect whereof any payment is hereinbefore provided may from time to time fix and charge fees for attendance at such class :

Provided that no fees shall be charged unless and until they have been submitted to and approved by the Minister.

17. The Minister may appoint Inspectors to visit, inspect, and examine all classes in respect whereof payment is hereinbefore provided.

Inspection.

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18. Whenever specially or generally directed by the Minister so to do, any such Inspector may visit any public school, and, after inspection, advise and report to the Minister upon the course and method of instruction in elementary science, drawing, manual instruction, and domestic economy in such school, whether classes under this Act are being conducted in such school or not.

Report to Minister on course of instruction.

19. In respect of all voluntary contributions received by any Education Board or other controlling authority for the special purpose of encouraging the formation or increasing the efficiency of classes under this Act, subsidies shall ~~without further appropriation than this Act~~ be payable out of ~~the Consolidated Fund~~ *funds appropriated for the purpose by Parliament* to such Board or authority in the cases and to the extent following, that is to say:—

Subsidies on voluntary contributions.

(1.) A subsidy at the rate of ten shillings for every pound of bequest:

Provided that in no case shall the subsidy in respect of any single bequest exceed five hundred pounds:

(2.) A subsidy at the rate of twenty shillings for every twenty shillings of voluntary contributions (other than bequests) from any person not being an Education Board or other controlling authority:

(3.) A subsidy at the rate of twenty shillings for every twenty shillings of voluntary contributions from any local authority.

20. Any local authority may from time to time, out of its general funds, contribute such sum as it thinks fit to any Education Board or other controlling authority for the purpose of encouraging the formation or increasing the efficiency of classes under this Act, anything in any Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Local authority may contribute funds.

21. Out of moneys from time to time appropriated by Parliament for the purpose, the Minister—

Scholarships and grants in aid of erection of buildings.

(1.) May allot scholarships for proficiency in any subject of instruction under this Act; and also

(2.) May make grants in aid of the erection, acquisition, or equipment of buildings for classes under this Act, and for the purchase and supply of apparatus and appliances for such classes; and also

(3.) May defray the general expenses of administering this Act.

22. The Governor in Council may from time to time make regulations for all or any of the following purposes, that is to say:—

Regulations.

(1.) Defining the branches and subjects of manual instruction, technical instruction, and practical domestic economy under this Act, and the course of instruction therein:

(2.) Issuing students' certificates of competency or proficiency in any subject or branch of instruction under this Act:

(3.) Inspecting, controlling, and examining classes under this Act:

(4.) Providing for the mode in which applications for sums payable in respect of classes, scholarships, subsidies, and grants in aid under this Act shall be made, verified, and disposed of:

(5.) Providing for the purchase and allocation of apparatus and appliances for classes under this Act:

- (6.) Providing for the allocation of grants in aid of the erection, acquisition, or equipment of buildings for classes under this Act:
- (7.) Providing for the establishment of scholarships in any subjects of instruction under this Act, and prescribing the amounts and tenure thereof, and the conditions subject to which they may be awarded and held: 5
- (8.) Such other matters as he deems necessary in order to give full effect to the intention of this Act.

23. The Education Act is hereby modified in so far as it conflicts with this Act, but not further or otherwise. 10

24. "The Manual and Technical Elementary Instruction Act, 1895," is hereby repealed: Provided nevertheless as follows:—

- (1.) All regulations under that Act shall continue in force until repealed by this Act. 15
- (2.) All claims for payment under that Act may be paid out of moneys appropriated under this Act.

Education Act
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