

CHAPTER NO. 115.

HOUSE BILL No. 780.

(By Messrs. Bratton and Early.)

AN ACT to establish and maintain a uniform system of Public Education.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee,* That there shall be established and maintained in the State of Tennessee a system of public education, consisting of elementary schools, high schools, three State Teacher Colleges, the Polytechnic Institute, and the Agricultural Industrial Normal College for Negroes.

ADMINISTRATION.

SECTION 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the system of education shall be administered by (1) the State Commissioner of Education, (2) the State Board of Education, (3) the County Superintendents, (4) the County and City Boards of Education. Administration.

STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

SECTION 3. *Be it further enacted,* That the State Department of Education created by Chapter 7, Acts of 1923, shall be composed of the following divisions: Divisions of the Department.

1. Elementary Schools, the head of which shall be the Supervisor of Elementary Schools.

2. High Schools, the head of which shall be the Supervisor of High Schools.

3. Certification, the head of which shall be the Supervisor of Certification.

4. (a) Vocational Education, the head of which shall be the Supervisor of Agricultural Education.

4. (b) Vocational Rehabilitation, the head of which shall be the Supervisor of the Vocational Rehabilitation.

teacher and the County Board of Education to a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

Any principal teacher may for good and sufficient reason suspend a pupil from attendance at school until the case is decided by the County Board of Education, which shall be with as little delay as possible. When any pupil is suspended from school said principal teacher shall immediately make written report of such suspension to the County Superintendent.

Pupils may
be Sus-
pended.

All teachers shall attend the full term of any County Institute held for teachers of their race under the regulations of the County Superintendent and the County Board of Education; provided, that in lieu of attendance on the Institute in their county, teachers may attend a similar Institute in any other county in the State in the same year, or complete one-half quarter's work in an approved teacher-training institution.

Teachers
must Attend
Institute.

It shall be the duty of the teacher:

1. To open and close the school each day at the time fixed by the County Board of Education.

Duties of the
Teacher.

2. To give instruction to the pupils only in the subjects covered by the certificate which he or she holds.

3. To keep the register at the school and to record accurately the number of pupils present and the number absent each day before leaving the school building.

4. To read, or cause to be read at the opening of the school every day, a selection from the Bible and the same selection shall not be read more than twice a month.

5. To give instruction in physical education as provided by law and official regulations.

6. To give at least two fire drills each month during the term.

REPEAL OF CONFLICTING LAWS.

SECTION 38. *Be it further enacted*, That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this Act be and the same are hereby repealed.

PUBLIC WELFARE.

SECTION 39. *Be it further enacted*, That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed April 15, 1925.

W. F. BARRY,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

L. D. HILL,

Speaker of the Senate.

Approved April 16, 1925.

AUSTIN PEAY,

Governor.