

of the State superintendent the county superintendent shall preside. Two or more counties may combine and hold a joint institute.

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School Attendance.

1904, ch. 299, sec. 139. 1906, ch. 236, sec. 139.

166. Every deaf or blind child between six and sixteen years of age shall attend some school for the deaf or blind for eight months, or during the scholastic year, unless it can be shown that the child is elsewhere receiving regularly thorough instruction during the said period, in studies usually taught in the said public schools to children of the same age; provided, that the superintendent or principal of any school for the deaf or blind, or person or persons duly authorized by such superintendent or principal, may excuse cases of necessary absence among its enrolled pupils; and provided, further, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to a child whose physical condition is such as to render its instruction, as above described, inexpedient or impracticable. Every person having under his or her control a child between six and sixteen years of age shall cause such child to attend school or receive instruction as required by this section.

1906, ch. 236, sec. 139 A.

166 A. Provided that where the parent, guardian or any other person having control of a deaf or blind child, is not financially able to pay for the transportation of the child to and from such school, the same shall be paid out of the State appropriation for the school which the child attends; provided, that three reputable male citizens over the age of twenty-one years, residents of the school district in which the said child resides, shall certify under oath that to the best of their knowledge and belief the parent, guardian or other person having control of such child is not financially able to pay the expense of the child to and from school.

1904, ch. 299, sec. 140. Ibid. sec. 140.

167. Any person who has such a child under his or her control, and who fails to comply with any of the provisions of the preceding section, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, upon conviction thereof, before a justice of the peace, be fined a sum not exceeding five dollars for each offense.