

which schools do not receive State aid, and who reside on or along or near to the public highways of Montgomery County, on which there is now or hereafter operated a public school bus or conveyance provided by the Board of Education of said County for transporting children to and from the public schools of Montgomery County, shall be entitled to transportation on the said buses or conveyances, and the same shall be provided for them by the said Board of Education of Montgomery County, subject to the conditions hereinafter set forth, from a point on the said public highways nearest or most accessible to their respective homes to a point on said public highways nearest or most accessible to their respective schools, without changing the routes of said buses or conveyances now or hereafter established by said Board of Education of Montgomery County for transporting children to and from the public schools and such transportation shall be provided by the Board of Education, as aforesaid, for all the children attending schools described herein, upon the same terms and conditions as now or as may be hereafter established by the Board of Education of Montgomery County for children attending public schools.

998. The County Commissioners of Montgomery County are hereby authorized to levy and appropriate annually sufficient funds to defray any costs incurred by it in carrying into effect the provisions of Section 997 and for the establishment of new bus routes, if in their discretion the Board of Education of Montgomery County and the County Commissioners of said County deem it desirable to establish new routes and to purchase additional buses, for the transportation to and from school of children attending schools not receiving State aid. The transportation of children to and from schools not receiving State aid shall be upon such reasonable terms and conditions as the Board of Education may from time to time determine, but in no event shall the amount charged children attending such schools for using said buses or conveyances be greater or less than the amount charged children attending the public schools for the same kind of transportation.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and being passed by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved May 4, 1945.