

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 178

Approved by the Governor April 30, 1971

Introduced by Harold D. Simpson, 46th District

AN ACT to amend section 43-611, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, and section 43-615, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1969, relating to infants; to provide for payment of exactly four hundred dollars by the State Department of Education to the school district for each trainable mentally retarded child enrolled; to provide for contracting with other agencies; to provide for reimbursement to educational service units; and to repeal the original sections.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. That section 43-611, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended

43-611. ~~All~~ Sufficient funds shall be appropriated by the Legislature to carry out the provisions of sections 43-604 to ~~43-616~~ 43-616.01, shall such funds to be channeled through the office of the State Department of Education and the department shall be authorized to expend such funds upon proper vouchers approved by the department and warrants issued by the Director of Administrative Services for (1) financial reimbursement to local school districts or educational service units, including reimbursement for the amount expended for actual transportation expenses per year not to exceed two hundred dollars for handicapped children forced to leave the district temporarily because of lack of educational and trainable services, (2) instructional aids and consultative, supervisory, research and testing services to local school districts, and (3) salaries, wages, maintenance, supplies, travel, and other expenses essential to carrying out the provisions for special education.

Sec. 2. The school district or educational service unit which received such funds as provided in section 1 of this act may contract with another school district, educational service unit, state school or public agency.

Sec. 3. That section 43-615, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1969, be amended to read as follows:

43-615. For each trainable mentally retarded child enrolled in such school district or educational service unit program, the State Department of Education shall authorize payment of four hundred dollars ~~or--such proportionate amount--as--may--be--appropriated--by--the legislature~~ directly to the school district or educational service unit in which such child is enrolled upon certification by the Commissioner of Education to the Director of Administrative Services who shall draw warrants on the state treasury in accordance with such certification; provided, that such funds may be augmented through the Division of Rehabilitation Services as a result of cooperative planning with the servicing school district or educational service unit.

Sec. 4. That original section 43-611, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, and section 43-615, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1969, are repealed.