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Foreword

In keeping with the functions of the Office of Education, the Laws and Legislation Branch is presenting a brief résumé of the laws having statewide educational implication enacted by the 46 State legislatures which met in 1957.

This publication was prepared in response to requests from Chief State School Officers and other educators and specialists, and in compliance with the Branch policy to exchange information relating to educational laws with personnel of State Departments and other interested educators.

The Office appreciates the excellent cooperation of Chief State School Officers and their staffs in forwarding to the Laws and Legislation Branch copies of State codes, session, and school laws.

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State School Legislation, 1957

Introduction

AN UNPRECEDENTED NUMBER of laws of significance to education was enacted by the States during 1957. Legislatures in all States except Virginia and Kentucky met in regular or special session, or both. One State, Mississippi, convened only in special session. Twelve States convened both regular and special sessions. These States are Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Maine, Minnesota, Missouri, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Texas, and West Virginia. All other States met in regular session.

No attempt is made here to evaluate the educational significance of each act or to indicate the frequency of activity in a given area of legislation. As reported an act may introduce or modify one or many educational achievements. It is listed under the heading with which it is most closely associated.

During 1957, the following matters received noteworthy attention:

ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION—Creates or extends provisions for study commissions on all phases of education; modifies procedure at State and local level in areas of census, records, contracts, bids, purchasing, facsimile signatures, elections, district reorganization, parental responsibility for minors, non-public schools, and numerous other matters.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT—New or expanded foundation programs; more State aid; more local taxing power with maximum limits raised and scope extended; debt limits increased; administration at State level improved through newly created finance divisions; and finance and tax study commissions.

HIGHER EDUCATION—Provides new programs or increases funds for scholarships; new or expanded building authorities and programs; increases general appropriations and establishes new methods of financing; establishes new or extends present study commissions; salaries or benefit of personnel increased or liberalized.

PERSONNEL—Improves procedures or liberalizes benefits to personnel consisting of administrators, teachers, and other em-

ployees in relation to higher salaries or allowances; retirement provisions and benefits; and certification, employment, contract, leave, tenure, and other provisions. The term "personnel" as used here applies to administrators, teachers, supervisors, board members, trustees, attendance officers, bus drivers, cafeteria, and other school employees.

SCHOOL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION—New or expanded State aid programs; bonding capacity and levy limits increased; State loan funds increased and expanded; new building authorities created and powers of others extended; improvements in procedures involving standards, leases, and condemnations.

SPECIAL EDUCATION—Provides new programs and increases funds for existing programs in areas of adult education; mentally advanced or retarded, and physically handicapped children; vocational and industrial education; automobile driver training and aviation education; practical nurse training and educational television.

STUDENTS—Improves procedures and expands services in elementary, secondary, and higher education in areas of scholarships, loans, and tuition benefits; health, safety, and physical examination procedures; curriculum, guidance, attendance, assignment, employment, and rehabilitation procedures; and textbooks, library, and recreational facilities. The term "students" applies to pupils, students, and all others under instruction or training at all grade levels.

References at the end of briefs are as follows:

- A. B.—Assembly Bill
- A. C. R.—Assembly Concurrent Resolution
- Art.—Article
- Ch.—Chapter
- H. B.—House Bill
- H. C. R.—House Concurrent Resolution
- H. F.—House File
- H. J. R.—House Joint Resolution
- L. B.—Legislative Bill
- P. A.—Public Act
- S. B.—Senate Bill
- S. C. R.—Senate Concurrent Resolution
- S. F.—Senate File
- S. J. M.—Senate Joint Memorial
- S. J. R.—Senate Joint Resolution
- Spec. Act—Special Act

Enactments, by State

ALABAMA

ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

Study Commissions

1. Enacts a joint resolution providing for a 7-member coordinating committee to screen all proposals regarding the public schools and related matter. (Act 119-H. J. R. 36)
2. Creates a 21-member Alabama Study Commission to survey State's educational system and appropriates \$50,000 thereto. (Act 371-H. 79)

Validating Acts

1. Validates all elections heretofore conducted by any school district or county at large for any school purpose. (Act 16-S. 51)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Federal and Other Funds

1. Authorizes State Board of Education and trustees of all State

institutions to borrow money from Federal agencies or from private persons or corporations for school building construction. (Act 623-S. 351)

Foundation Program

1. Increases the minimum foundation program by \$2,277,940. The total appropriation from the Alabama Special Educational Trust Fund was increased by \$4,805,915 over the previous school year. (Act 585-H. 11)

General Appropriations

1. Authorizes the special annual tax of 30 cents of each \$100 of taxable property in the State for the support and maintenance of the schools. (Act 626-H. 1)
2. Appropriates \$40,000 additional funds for the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind for operation. (Act 538-S. 125)

Tax Exemptions

1. Amends code by exempting certain properties and persons from

ad valorem taxes, including United States bonds and certain property of veterans, religious, and fraternal organizations. (Act 115-H. 18)

HIGHER EDUCATION

Junior Colleges

1. Appropriates \$25,000 annually for the Alabama Special Educational Trust Fund for use of Walker County Junior College. (Act 200-H. 170)

State Colleges

1. Changes names of normal schools and teachers colleges to "State Colleges" at Jacksonville, Troy, Florence, and Livingston. (Act 110-H. 193)

Tuskegee Institute

1. Appropriates \$350,000 annually for undergraduate and graduate instruction in engineering, veterinary medicine, nursing, home economics and agriculture. (Act 582-H. 5)

PERSONNEL

Retirement

1. Enacts joint resolution to encourage authorities to make use of retired teachers as consultants, graders, tutors, or substitute teachers at additional salaries at the rate of \$16.67 per month. (Act 117-H. J. R. 37)

2. Provides retirement benefits of \$90 per month for teachers 60 years of age with 30 years service heretofore ineligible for retirement benefits. (Act 292-H. 164)

3. Provides for reinstatement of certain teachers to the retirement system with restoration rights of previous service. (Act 356-S. 86)

4. Provides further employment rights for certain retired teachers to enable them to qualify for old-age and survivors benefits. (Act 593-H. 724)

SCHOOL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

Alabama Polytechnic Institute

1. Provides for a constitutional amendment authorizing a \$4,500,000 bond issue for building construction at Alabama Polytechnic Institute at Auburn. (Act 369-H. 833)

Bond Issues

1. Provides for a constitutional amendment authorizing \$4,500,000 bond issue for building construction at the University of Alabama Medical Center in Birmingham. (Act 307-S. 337)

2. Provides for a constitutional amendment authorizing a \$3,000,000 bond issue for building construction in Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind at Talladega. (Act 383-S. 124)

3. Authorizes a bond issue of \$3,000,000 for the Alabama Special

Educational Trust Fund for building construction. (Act 499-S. 137)

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Industrial Institute

1. Appropriates \$35,000 annually to the Southern Industrial Institute at Camp Hill. (Act 498-S. 24)

Vocational Schools

1. Appropriates \$13,500 to the Alabama Vocational School for girls at Birmingham. (Act 497-S. 23)

STUDENTS

Scholarships

1. Provides a State scholarship program for the education of Negro nurses and appropriated \$4,200 therefor. (Act 590-H. 138)

2. Provides a State scholarship program to promote the education of nurses and appropriated \$13,400 therefor. (Act 591-H. 140)

Segregation and Desegregation

1. Amends Act No. 201* of the 1955 regular session by providing for a pupil assignment and placement procedure and limiting powers of board pertaining thereto. (Act 367-S. 395)

2. Provides for the closing of public schools under certain conditions and for the transfer or reassignment of teachers and other employees of closed public schools. (Act 528-S. 396)

Veterans Benefits

1. Amends the 1951 Veterans Act to provide additional benefits to certain disabled veterans, and to dependents and survivors of disabled veterans and deceased servicemen. (Act 617-H. 645)

ARIZONA

ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

State Department of Education

1. Creates a school audit division within the office of the State Examiner, and prescribes duties of its officials in relation to State Superintendent of Public Instruction. (Ch. 94-S. B. 89)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

General Appropriation

1. Appropriates for the various educational agencies of the State and other State Departments. (Ch. 100-H. B. 290)

Rental Property

1. Provides that the governing bodies of localities may allow monies to be paid such localities from the income received by the locally owned rental property in the locality. (Ch. 10-H. B. 42)

HIGHER EDUCATION

Junior Colleges

1. Increases State aid to each junior college from \$100,000 to \$150,000 annually, and prescribes standards for participation. (Ch. 11-S. B. 14)

PERSONNEL

Retirement

1. Amends Sections 15-1408 and 15-1409 by increasing pension of members of teachers retirement system to \$50 (formerly \$38) multiplied by the number of years of service not to exceed 30 years, and also increases disability retirement allowance. (Ch. 73-H. B. 176)

2. Modifies various provisions of the State retirement system including death, disability, and retirement benefits. (Ch. 96-S. B. 95)

SCHOOL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

Appropriations

1. Appropriates \$624,000 for purchase of lands and improvements of buildings at University of Arizona at Tempe. (Ch. 37-S. B. 103)

2. Appropriates \$375,000 for purchase of lands and improvements of buildings at University of Arizona. (Ch. 38-S. B. 104)

3. Appropriates \$1,975,500 each year for the 46th and 47th fiscal years for construction of science buildings, stadiums, and improvements at the University and State colleges of Arizona. (Ch. 60-S. B. 102)

4. Appropriates \$2,352,000 for each year for the 46th and 47th fiscal years for construction of geology and home economics buildings and improvements at University of Arizona. (Ch. 61-S. B. 105)

5. Appropriates \$750,700 for each year for the 46th and 47th fiscal years for construction and improvement at Arizona State College at Flagstaff. (Ch. 62-S. B. 106)

State School for Deaf and Blind

1. Appropriates \$272,000 to Arizona State School for the Deaf and Blind for construction and equipping of an auditorium, classroom, and boys dormitory for the blind. (Ch. 53-S. B. 214)

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Deaf and Blind

1. Permits board of trustees of common school districts to establish departments and employ teachers for the education of deaf and blind students. (Ch. 27-H. B. 216)

2. Reallocates \$60,000 from the bond retirement fund of the State School for the Deaf and Blind to capital outlay for the school. (Ch. 69-S. B. 215)

Indian Education

1. Provides for special elections and changes boundaries in certain school districts. (Ch. 82-H. B. 108)

ARKANSAS

ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

April 1 to May 1 in 1958 and subsequent even numbered years. (Act 217)

Flood Control Land

1. Requires that 80 percent of funds received from the Federal Government for sale or lease of lands acquired for flood control shall be distributed to school districts in ratio to amount of land sold. (Act 325)

Legal Counsel

1. Authorizes governing authority of school districts to employ legal counsel to defend any action brought against the board, any member, or school official by virtue of his actions in connection with his official duties. (Act 86)

Records

1. Directs State Board to revoke certificates of teachers and superintendents who knowingly falsify attendance records, or permit or require the same to be done. (Act 370)

School Census

1. Establishes the time and method of procedure for conducting annual school enumerations from

School District Reorganization

1. Provides for transfer of State aid funds to the newly organized district when a district is consolidated with another because of office of county supervisor becomes abolished. (Act 300)

School Elections

1. Establishes the first Saturday in December as the date for holding annual district school elections. Makes it effective in 1958 and annually thereafter. (Act 380)

Segregation and Desegregation

1. Relieves school children from compulsory attendance in racially mixed public schools. (Act 84)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Foundation Program

1. Provides for financing a new minimum foundation program for public elementary and secondary schools making the weighted average daily attendance unit the measure of need. Makes possible an increase in State aid from \$19,552,000

to \$32,300,000. Also increases State aid for transportation, textbooks, and other items. (Act 245)

Taxes

1. Authorizes local districts to borrow funds from revolving loan fund to finance districts pro rata share of expense of employing equalizing appraisers. (Act 80)

2. Improves administrative procedure for assessment and changes percentage factors relating to the average ratio and assessed value in sections 5 and 12, Act 153, 1955, which provided for a complete appraisal and assessment of all property in the State. (Acts 304 and 307)

3. Increases sales tax from 2 to 3 percent with extensions in personal income and severance taxes which provides additional revenue of \$22,000,000 for the various State agencies, with \$14,300,000 available for education and an additional \$4,500,000 for University of Arkansas. Approximately 90 percent of the increase is scheduled for teachers' salaries. (Acts 19 and 20)

PERSONNEL

Duties

1. Empowers county boards to abolish the Office of County School Supervisor and option to employ a secretary to assume such duties or require those duties to be dis-

charged by the superintendent of schools of the school districts in each county. (Act 159)

2. Provides that in event a county board abolishes the office of supervisor the State shall pay to the county an amount equal to the salary to be distributed to respective districts on basis of average daily attendance. (Act 345)

Qualifications

1. Requires school board members to own real property in the district in which they serve as a prerequisite to membership on such board. (Act 131)

2. Prohibits spouse of a school director, or person related within the fourth degree of consanguinity or affinity, from employment by such school board in certain capacities. (Act 280)

Retirement and Social Security

1. Permits members of Arkansas Teachers Retirement System to receive credit for retirement purposes for active duty in military service to a maximum of 5 years. (Act 260)

Salaries of Teachers

1. Provides that at least 90 percent of a \$14,300,000 increase in State revenue shall be used to pay the increased cost of teachers' salaries and retirement. Enables teachers to receive during 1957-58 school term annual increases of approximately \$810. (Act 68)

2. Establishes a minimum annual salary law for teachers based on professional training as follows: less than 60 semester hours college, \$1,500; 60 semester hours college, \$1,800; 90 semester hours college, \$2,100; bachelor's degree, \$2,700; master's degree, \$3,000. (Act 39)

Surety Bond for Performance of Contract

1. Clarifies features pertaining to contract, performance, and non-performance of Act 351 of 1953. [This act required contractors to give surety bond for specific performance of building contract in which \$1,000 or more is involved.] (Act 209)

Tenure

1. Repeals Act 370 of 1955 which provided for a limit to a one-year term of three consecutive years as a member of a county equalization board. (Act 118)

2. Amends Sections 3 and 5 of Act 230 of 1955 to provide for staggering terms of office of members of county equalization boards. (Act 235)

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Vocational Technical and Adult Education Schools

1. Authorizes State board to establish area vocational technical and adult education schools with

assistance of an advisory council appointed by the governor. Empowers State board for vocational education to receive and administer Federal funds available for vocational education; to accept gifts, grants, donations, equipment, and materials; to charge fees from students and otherwise administer such schools. (Act 328)

STUDENTS

Attendance

1. Relieves school children from compulsory attendance in racially mixed public schools. (Act 84)

Curriculum

1. Requires high school students to complete one full year's work in American history and civics before graduation. Compels high schools to offer, as electives, a minimum of one-half year in Arkansas history and State and local government. (Act 355)

Transportation

1. Prescribes safety standards and devices for school buses and empowers State board discretionary power in promulgating other standards. (Act 322)

2. Requires school districts to register and properly designate school buses. (Act 369)

CALIFORNIA

ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

Accreditation of Schools

1. Authorizes high schools and technical schools to pay cost of accreditation to any accrediting association. (Ch. 464-A. B. 1239)

Associations and Organizations

1. Authorizes boards and officers to affiliate with various organizations and educational associations. (Ch. 234-S. B. 200)

2. Authorizes county boards to become members and attend meetings of educational organizations at county fund's expense. (Ch. 627-A. B. 2320; Ch. 628-A. B. 2321)

Bids, Contracts, Purchases, and Supplies

1. Regulates bids and purchasing of school supplies. (Ch. 1144-A. B. 879)

2. Regulates purchases of personal property for school districts. (Ch. 841-A. B. 2929)

3. Permits districts to contract with manufacturers for supplies of household appliances for school districts. (Ch. 1419-A. B. 3426)

4. Permits continuing for work or services to extend for a maximum of 5 years and retains one-year limit on contracts for mate-

rials and supplies. (Ch. 606-A. B. 1107)

5. Requires that contracts be let to the lowest qualified responsible rather than best responsible bidders. (Ch. 364-S. B. 773)

6. Provides for the purchase of utilities service for the district. (Ch. 2037-S. B. 1704)

7. Regulates purchases of supplies and equipment. (Ch. 1912-S. B. 1212)

8. Authorizes superintendents to enter into agreements with school districts to provide audio-visual equipment and apparatus for use of such district and creates special fund therefor. (Ch. 775-A. B. 1561)

9. Permits boards to delegate to other employees power to contract for board where the district has no superintendent. (Ch. 806-A. B. 862)

Codification of School Laws

1. Provides for uniformity in statute provisions requiring publication of notices by State and local agencies. (Ch. 357-A. B. 501)

2. Creates joint legislative committee for revision and codification of the school law and appropriates \$65,000 therefor. (Ch. 2419-A. B. 4118)

Elections

1. Prescribes penalties for a county superintendent of schools who neglects or refuses to comply with school district election procedures. (Ch. 427-A, B. 508)

Eminent Domain

1. Authorizes the power of eminent domain as a source of earth-fill material for use in the development of a school site. (Ch. 113-A, B. 800)

2. Enacts a resolution proposing a constitutional amendment relating to eminent domain. (Ch. 319-A, C. A. 16)

Length of School Term, Month, Day

1. Fixes minimum school day for kindergarten pupils at 130 minutes inclusive of recesses, and 1st grade at 200 minutes exclusive of noon intermission and recesses. (Ch. 1134-A, B. 775)

2. Requires that the minimum school day in grades 1, 2, and 3 shall be 200 minutes; grades 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 in elementary, special day and evening classes, and high school shall be 240 minutes. (Ch. 513-A, B. 858)

3. Authorizes that the Christmas vacation be excluded in the definition of school month. (Ch. 1311-A, B. 2324)

Public Meetings

1. Requires meetings and various proceedings of State and other

boards to be open to the public. This includes State Allocation Board, State Board of Guide Dogs for the Blind, Board of Examiners of Vocational Teachers, Retirement Investment Board, Teachers Retirement Board, and State Board of Education. (Ch. 2172-A, B. 2037; Ch. 2183-A, B. 2051; Ch. 2205-A, B. 2075; Ch. 2206-A, B. 2076; Ch. 2207-A, B. 2077; Ch. 2208-A, B. 2078)

Records and Reports

1. Permits boards to authorize destruction of county records after 2 instead of 5 years. (Ch. 1180-A, B. 1246)

2. Permits microfilming of official records. (Ch. 1521-S, B. 154)

3. Provides for destruction of records. (Ch. 911-S, B. 491)

4. Requires clerks of boards to keep minutes open to the public. (Ch. 926-S, B. 2150)

5. Authorizes boards to charge for furnishing excess of two copies of former pupils records. (Ch. 992-A, B. 1247)

6. Prohibits school officials from furnishing personal information concerning pupils except in certain instances. (Ch. 724-A, B. 1734)

7. Regulates superintendent's reports pertaining to textbooks. (Ch. 1465-A, B. 4087; Ch. 1466-A, B. 4088)

School District Reorganization

1. Clarifies provisions regarding union elementary and unified school districts. (Ch. 2102-A, B. 146)

2. Permits unified school districts to assume portion of bonded indebtedness of union, elementary, or high school districts. (Ch. 277-A. B. 398)
3. Changes the minimum standard for formation of junior college districts. (Ch. 546-A. B. 405)
4. Repeals and aids various provisions pertaining to district reorganization. (Ch. 442-A. B. 432)
5. Authorizes county committee to change boundaries of its trustee members for purposes of electing board members. (Ch. 443-A. B. 433)
6. Permits annexation of high school districts to contiguous high school districts and prescribes duties of officials in connection therewith. (Ch. 491-A. B. 436)
7. Revises procedure with respect to plans and recommendations of the county committee on district reorganization in territories of two or more counties. (Ch. 2110-A. B. 437)
8. Broadens law permitting elementary school districts to cooperate with other school districts for the education of all pupils in the district. (Ch. 445-A. B. 439)
9. Changes procedure for county board of supervisors in ordering election for annexation to city elementary districts. (Ch. 457-A. B. 651)
10. Requires approval of the State Board for newly organized districts. (Ch. 2264-A. B. 969)
11. Revises provisions relating to board members and tax rate elections. (Ch. 1489-A. B. 1109)
12. Modifies procedure for expenditure of funds and appointment of personnel in newly formed school districts. (Ch. 1215-A. B. 1495)
13. Prescribes rules for elections in united school districts. (Ch. 1983-A. B. 3299)
14. Requires boards to dissolve districts if such district has not exercised district powers for a period of 5 years. (Ch. 726-A. B. 3976)
15. Requires that maps showing boundary changes be made a public record. (Ch. 956-S. B. 313)
16. Regulates petitions for reorganization. (Ch. 957-S. B. 315)
17. Amends procedure in relation to annexation of territory to cities. (Ch. 958-S. B. 397)
18. Regulates annexation of territory to city districts. (Ch. 1895-S. B. 880)
19. Regulates taxation of property in reorganizing territories. (Ch. 1572-S. B. 534)
20. Prescribes procedure for formation of high school districts. (Ch. 2077-S. B. 1169)
21. Regulates withdrawal of joint union high school districts from junior college districts. (Ch. 1077-S. B. 1524)
22. Requires that county reorganization boards give approval before reorganization changes are made. (Ch. 1755-S. B. 1615)

23. Clarifies terminology in relation to boundary changes. (Ch. 1832-S. B. 2301).

24. Revises present procedure for changing high school district boundaries. (Ch. 83-S. B. 2344)

25. Permits elementary school districts to enter into agreement with junior high school districts for educating pupils of the seventh and eighth grade. (Ch. 1135-A. B. 786)

School Elections

1. Changes date so that district elections will be held on Tuesday instead of other days of the week. (Ch. 1102-A. B. 376)

School Farms

1. Authorizes school districts to establish school farms. (Ch. 1086-A. B. 70)

Segregation and Desegregation

1. Authorizes State Department to establish a commission to assist local districts in problems relating to racial, religious, or other discrimination in connection with employees or certificated employees. (Ch. 1853-S. B. 2566)

State Board of Education

1. Clarifies terminology relating to civil executive officers. (Ch. 306-S. B. 486)

State Department of Education

1. Creates within the jurisdiction of the Board of Medical Examiners a psychology examining committee and prescribes for their organization and duties. (Ch. 2320-A. B. 2712).

Study Commissions

1. Creates California Public Library Commission and appropriates \$25,000 therefor. (Ch. 2328-A. B. 2787).

2. Enacts resolution approving *Western Regional Conference on Education Beyond High School*. (Ch. 156-A. C. R. 120).

3. Enacts resolution approving *Citizens Advancement Committee on Fitness of American Youth*. (Ch. 254-A. C. R. 121).

4. Enacts resolution relative to creating the Joint Interim Committee on Special Education and Rehabilitation of Handicapped Children and Adults. (Ch. 328-A. C. R. 209).

5. Enacts S. C. R. No. 2 to continue the joint legislation committee for school visitation. (Ch. 56-S. C. R. 20).

Terminology Changes

1. Substitutes the term "attendance supervisors" for attendance "officer". (Ch. 721-A. B. 403).

Validating Acts

1. Validates all acts and proceedings for authorizing and issuing of

bonds of any school district during certain periods. (Ch. 34-A. B. 1524).

2. First and second validation Act of 1957 validates any law pertaining to boundry changes, bonds, and exercise of powers. (Ch. 133-A. B. 2280; Ch. 134-A. B. 2281).

3. Requires a limitation of 6 months from the date of completion of an act under an action to contest the validity under color of law for district reorganization. (Ch. 1344-A. B. 2602; Ch. 1345-A. B. 2603).

4. Validates Acts and proceedings to authorize increase in maximum tax rate for school districts and other acts. (Ch. 137-A. B. 3526).

5. Validates all prior acts relating to employment of certified personnel. (Ch. 561-S. B. 652).

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Bond Issues

1. Establishes the date on which bonds become payable at not more than 25 years from the date of such bonds. (Ch. 2327-A. B. 2345)

2. Provides for elections to decide bonding questions in union or joint union districts. (Ch. 444-A. B. 435)

3. Permits cancellation of authorization to issue and sell school district bonds when 90 percent have been sold. (Ch. 774-A. B. 1233)

4. Prescribes administration procedure governing bonded indebtedness of counties. (Ch. 141-S. B. 1457)

Credentials

1. Requires that funds from fees collected upon issuance of credentials shall be used for that purpose. (Ch. 2036-S. B. 1622)

Farm Funds

1. Exempts school farm account moneys from requirements of deposit in the general school fund. (Ch. 458-A. B. 770)

Federal Funds

1. Authorizes school officials to cooperate with Federal authorities for the education of pupils residing on Federal property. (Ch. 1948-A. B. 147)

2. Permits Director of Education to enter into agreement with State College Foundation and other foundations as well as the Federal Government for performance of service for such agencies by any school or college under jurisdiction of the Department of Education. (Ch. 803-A. B. 785)

General Appropriations

1. Appropriates for the support of State Government for public purposes for 1957-58. (Ch. 600-A. B. 500)

2. Increases total annual appropriations from general fund to State school fund from \$180.00 to \$193.37 per unit of average daily attendance and increases minimum

salary of school district employees from \$3,400 to \$4,200. (Ch. 1073-A. B. 3045)

3. Authorizes transfer from general fund to cafeteria fund under conditions. (Ch. 1399-A. B. 3189)

4. Appropriates \$500,000 to California Polytechnic College for purchase of 360 acres of land. (Ch. 1582-S. B. 584)

5. Allocates \$3 million for a water supply to California Polytechnic Institute. (Ch. 1080-S. B. 588)

6. Appropriates \$1,000 for the joint committee for school visitation. (Ch. 343-S. C. R. 143)

Investment of Surplus

1. Provides for the investment of surplus from retirement fund in certain bonds. (Ch. 659-A. B. 3747)

2. Revises procedure for investment of general and special funds. (Ch. 1542-S. B. 299)

3. Regulates the investment of surplus funds for the retirement system. (Ch. 57-S. B. 741)

Loans

1. Provides alternate procedure for short-term loans by counties to provide advances for current operating expenses. (Ch. 706-A. B. 3227)

2. Authorizes local agencies to borrow on notes not otherwise provided for. (Ch. 1158-S. B. 1361)

State Aid

1. Modifies methods of apportionment and disbursement of State school funds. (Ch. 487-S. B. 158)

2. Authorizes State to apportion aid on the basis of average daily attendance in areas affected by State construction projects. (Ch. 2031-S. B. 1476)

3. Amends competition of allowances to school districts from State school funds. (Ch. 318-A. B. 472)

Taxes

1. Provides that increases in maximum tax rate for recreation and civic centers shall be in addition to other school district taxes. (Ch. 887-A. B. 1245)

2. Increases tax rate limit from 1 to 3 mills on the excess dollar evaluation of all property in the county for library purposes. (Ch. 1456-A. B. 3942)

3. Permits county auditor to impound property taxes for county revenue. (Ch. 1059-A. B. 2347)

4. Changes method of property taxation in a library district. (Ch. 1985-A. B. 3409)

Tax Exemptions

1. Exempts from property taxes any personal property used exclusively for college activities. (Ch. 1085-A. B. 54)

Tax Levy

1. Authorizes school districts to exceed the maximum tax levy rate. (Ch. 244-S. B. 899)
2. Regulates assessment of personal property tax. (Ch. 1944-S. B. 2466)

Tax Study Commission

1. Enacts concurrent resolution for a State and local tax study commission. (Ch. 330-A. C. R. 206)
2. Creates joint interim committee to study assessment practices. (Ch. 336-S. C. R. 92)

Transfer of Funds

1. Requires county superintendent to transfer balance of emergency fund to school service fund. (Ch. 534-S. B. 161)

HIGHER EDUCATION**Junior College Districts**

1. Permits governing boards to employ district superintendents without regard to the number of teachers. (Ch. 1107-A. B. 431)
2. Provides for election of members of governing boards of newly formed college districts. (Ch. 1115-A. B. 470)
3. Authorizes governing boards of junior college districts to finance and arrange for the sale of food. (Ch. 1131-A. B. 763)

4. Authorizes junior college districts to accept gifts, and donations for junior college purposes. (Ch. 608-A. B. 1278)

State Colleges

1. Establishes State colleges in Alameda and Orange counties and appropriates \$4,300,000 for construction. (Ch. 1681-A. B. 4)
2. Authorizes agreement with Federal agencies for construction of housing and other facilities at State colleges. (Ch. 1084-A. B. 26)
3. Provides for dormitory residence of unmarried minor students attending State colleges. (Ch. 1138-A. B. 829)
4. Establishes San Fernando Valley State College. (Ch. 2265-A. B. 971)
5. Permits presidents to budget funds for his expenses. (Ch. 1165-A. B. 1057)
6. Authorizes Director of Education to contract with public or private hospitals for clinical services. (Ch. 1167-A. B. 1080)
7. Changes designation of peace officers at State colleges from police department to security patrol. (Ch. 1291-A. B. 2186)
8. Requires Director of Education to authorize any State college president to establish extension and field services. (Ch. 1292-A. B. 2187)
9. Appropriates \$890,000 to Los Angeles State College of Applied

Arts and Sciences for construction for San Fernando Valley campus. (Ch. 2401-A B. 4152)

10. Enacts concurrent resolution regarding schedule dates of opening State Colleges. (Ch. 324-A. C. R. 181)

11. Enacts concurrent resolution relating to the establishment of a temporary State college in Alameda. (Ch. 325-A. C. R. 191)

12. Request General Services Administration and other Federal authorities to withhold sale of Cotati Air Strip for a new college site. (Ch. 57-A. J. R. 3)

Universities

1. Enacts joint concurrent resolution to establish branches of the University of California at La Jolla and Santa Clara Valley. (Ch. 123-A. C. R. 89; Ch. 265-A. C. R. 111)

2. Authorizes condemnation of property by Board of Regents of the University of California. (Ch. 1353-A. B. 2670)

PERSONNEL

Conflict of Interest

1. Provides that board members are not deemed interested in a contract solely by reason of membership in nonprofit corporation providing membership is disclosed to board. (Ch. 842-A. B. 2968)

Contract and Tenure

1. Gives permanent status under conditions to employees upon being reelected for the fourth consecutive term. (Ch. 1092-A. B. 138)

2. Requires personnel director to file written charges with personnel commission and employee within 10, rather than 7, days after suspension, demotion, or dismissal of such employee. (Ch. 763-A. B. 774)

3. Increases from 1 to 4 years the period over which a contract of a school district may be extended. (Ch. 607-A. B. 1235)

4. Permits board officers to hold executive sessions to consider appointment, or dismissal of public employee and prescribes judicial procedure for dismissal. (Ch. 1314-A. B. 2405; Ch. 2341-A. B. 2411)

Credentials

1. Prescribes for credentials for teachers of the physically handicapped and mentally retarded. (Ch. 1112-A. B. 450)

2. Authorizes agreements between districts to provide supervised field experience in public schools and to issue preliminary certificates for teachers to do supervised field experience teaching. (Ch. 1129-A. B. 735)

3. Permits credit for study in United States Constitution in any public junior college for granting of teacher's credentials. (Ch. 1303-A. B. 2242)

4. Requires that the issuance of life diplomas shall be approved by a majority, rather than three-fourths, of the members of the board. (Ch. 994-A. B. 2261)

Duties

1. Permits governing boards of junior college districts to employ a superintendent regardless of the number of teachers employed in the district. (Ch. 1107-A. B. 431)

2. Permits superintendent of public instruction to supervise content of notices required of county school superintendents. (Ch. 1116-A. B. 471)

3. Authorizes boards to contract for services of a qualified librarian in cooperation with other counties. (Ch. 2151-A. B. 1944)

4. Permits junior colleges and high school boards to establish time of meeting, date, and provides procedure for notices. (Ch. 2336-A. B. 2327; Ch. 2337-A. B. 2328)

5. Enlarges scope of duties of officials relating to printing, seal, and other matters. (Ch. 955-S. B. 312)

Elections

1. Provides for county superintendents, with approval of the county board, to call special school board elections to fill vacancies. (Ch. 371-A. B. 542)

2. Requires one member of a five-man board to be elected chairman at the annual meeting. (Ch. 1159-A. B. 960)

3. Requires that notices be given at least 10 days before any district election and prescribes the manner of sending notices. (Ch. 637-A. B. 2576)

4. Requires board members to be an elector of the trustee area he represents. (Ch. 1507-S. B. 52)

5. Regulates the time required for voting in elections. (Ch. 2026-S. B. 861)

Employment and Appointment

1. Permits school districts to require applicants for positions to submit personal identification cards including finger prints and prescribes fees therefor. (Ch. 1003-A. B. 122)

2. Changes probationary period of personnel under the merit system and makes exceptions to non-certificate employees. (Ch. 1354-A. B. 2671; Ch. 1355-A. B. 2672)

3. Requires boards to require applicants for teaching positions to furnish statement of military service. (Ch. 1454-A. B. 3939)

4. Permits aliens who certify intent to become citizens to be employed as librarians. (Ch. 1631-S. B. 1140)

Health Benefits

1. Broadens scope of hospital, medical, surgical, disability, and related benefits whether provided on an insurance basis for officers and employees of local Government. (Ch. 944-A. B. 2742)

Leave

1. Provides that teacher's leave of absence shall not be considered a break in service for certain purposes. (Ch. 1048-A. B. 140)

2. Permits absence from State for members of school board for 60 days with additional 30 days on consent of board and further period of 30 more days on consent of board in case of illness or urgency. (Ch. 2120-A. B. 871)

3. Provides for transfer rights of all leave for teachers of State colleges who transfer to a newly established college. (Ch. 2137-A. B. 1491)

4. Regulates sabbatical leave for State College faculty members. (Ch. 1563-S. B. 468)

5. Permits boards to provide for pregnancy and maternity leave. (Ch. 1724-S. B. 1255)

6. Authorizes leave of absence from the State beyond 60 days for State superintendents and other officials. (Ch. 232-S. C. R. 95)

Liability Insurance

1. Permits boards to insure against personal liability of officers and employees of districts, rather than officers, agents, and employees of boards. (Ch. 446-A. B. 469)

2. Exempts school officials from liabilities for injury resulting in Civil Defense and fire drills. (Ch. 2094-S. B. 2290)

Physical Examinations

1. Requires that retired teachers returning to teaching as substitutes shall file a report of a physical examination. (Ch. 642-A. B. 2661)

2. Requires school employees to get a medical examination showing freedom from tuberculosis. (Ch. 918-S. B. 1786)

Public Meetings

1. Permits boards to hold executive sessions to consider disciplinary matters. (Ch. 1998-A. B. 3730)

Retirement and Social Security

1. Provides for transfer of employees under the State system. (Ch. 1081-A. B. 69)

2. Revises and modifies death benefits, final compensation, retirement funds, and other procedures in connection with teacher's retirement system. (Ch. 2118-A. B. 734; Ch. 1128-A. B. 733)

3. Permits cafeteria employees to be included under the State retirement system. (Ch. 1155-A. B. 962)

4. Authorizes credit for services in American Red Cross only to September 10, 1957 and restricts extension of military service to January 1, 1958. (Ch. 1178-A. B. 1240)

5. Provides that the retirement allowances for members retired for disability shall be no less than retirement allowances for services. (Ch. 2136-A. B. 1381)

6. Divides retirement system into two parts; one desiring social security coverage, and the other not desiring such coverage. (Ch. 1993-A. B. 1396)
7. Permits employees of child care centers to be included in the State retirement system. (Ch. 1238-A. B. 1733)
8. Provides additional responsibilities and benefits for members of the retirement system. (Ch. 264-A. B. 1896; Ch. 225-A. B. 1897; Ch. 259-A. B. 1898)
9. Includes school trustees under certain provisions of the retirement system. (Ch. 1063-A. B. 2326)
10. Places employees of child care centers under State retirement system. (Ch. 1369-A. B. 2788)
11. Permits certain retired members to elect to relinquish rights or allowances under local retirement system. (Ch. 1412-A. B. 3366)
12. Provides that members shall receive credit for time served in publicly supported schools in other States and Canada under conditions. (Ch. 2389-A. B. 3515)
13. Permits members of county employees retirement system to elect to transfer membership to State retirement system. (Ch. 1452-A. B. 3887)
14. Credits toward teacher retirement military service of physiotherapists during World War I. (Ch. 2010-A. B. 4184)
15. Prohibits reduction of monthly teacher retirement allowance after January 1, 1957. (Ch. 2014-A. B. 4167)
16. Regulates death benefits for members of teacher's retirement system. (Ch. 1485-A. B. 4180)
17. Regulates payment under teacher retirement system. (Ch. 2390-A. B. 3538)
18. Governs retirement fund contributions when local districts discontinue retirement plan. (Ch. 555-S. B. 16)
19. Clarifies terminology in relation to State teachers' retirement system. (Ch. 1583-S. B. 612)
20. Provides for administration of State teachers' retirement system. (Ch. 1584-S. B. 613)
21. Revises the manner in which contributions shall be paid. (Ch. 1585-S. B. 614)
22. Modifies formula for determining minimum allowances. (Ch. 2068-S. B. 615)
23. Limits the time for changing from local to State retirement system. (Ch. 1568-S. B. 616)
24. Exempts certain membership from State employees retirement system. (Ch. 241-S. B. 739)
25. Regulates withdrawal and re-deposits. (Ch. 1729-S. B. 1275)
26. Authorizes payment of public funds for the premiums from group health and accident benefits for dependents of employees of the State. (Ch. 1030-S. B. 1307)
27. Authorizes advance allowances for certain members of the system. (Ch. 1814-S. B. 2075)
28. Increases allowances for members of discontinued system. (Ch. 1042-S. B. 2076)

29. Extends retirement benefits to additional members of State offices and employees. (Ch. 1843-S. B. 2391)

30. Includes employees of foundations and trustees of colleges as eligible to participate in State employees retirement system. (Ch. 247-S. B. 1490)

31. Provides options pertaining to allowances on retirement for service. (Ch. 2296-S. B. 1620)

32. Modifies procedure for calculation of benefits for State employees retirement system. (Ch. 2069-S. B. 1722)

Salaries

1. Increases from \$30 per meeting to \$50 per meeting and from \$300 a month to \$500 a month compensation which may be spent for board members meetings. (Ch. 648-A. B. 2938)

2. Permits employees to authorize deduction for payment of dues in associations from employees salaries. (Ch. 2396-A. B. 3695; ch. 485-A. B. 3927)

3. Adds cities with population from 250,000 to 350,000 to those in which members of boards may receive compensation services of \$25 per meeting not to exceed \$100 per month in any calendar month. (Ch. 1448-A. B. 3874)

4. Provides for payment of salaries at the end of a calendar month for district employees. (Ch. 1393-A. B. 3105)

5. Increases total annual appropriation from general fund to State fund from \$180.00 to \$193.37 by unit of average daily attendance and increases minimum school salaries of school district employees from \$3,400 to \$4,200. (Ch. 1073-A. B. 3045)

6. Increases the salary of State superintendents to \$22,500. (Ch. 2424-S. B. 522)

7. Authorizes salary payroll deductions for dues to professional program. (Ch. 2253-S. B. 867)

8. Eliminates the system of fixing salaries of county superintendents on the basis of population and adopts instead a classified system based on the average daily attendance. (Ch. 2329-S. B. 1667)

County	Salary	Reference	
		Chapter	Senate bill
Solano.....	\$9,000 to \$13,500.....	952	46
Marin.....	\$11,500 to \$13,000.....	1906	97
Del Norte.....	\$6,500 to \$8,000.....	971	230
Mendocino.....	\$7,500 to \$10,500.....	1036	1123
Trinity.....	\$5,700 to \$7,000.....	265	1400
Tehama.....	\$6,500 to \$7,650.....	1225	1962
Monterey.....	\$9,000 to \$12,000.....	782	2171
Riverside.....	\$7,500 to \$10,000.....	718	2608

Travel Allowances

1. Authorizes more than one trustee to attend meetings if trustees so direct. (Ch. 274-A. B. 3959)

2. Provides for the payment of travel expenses in the transfer of employment of State Civil Service applicants and employees and appropriates therefore. (Ch. 2321-A. B. 2857)

3. Permits payment of expenses for travel of county officers attending State meetings. (Ch. 997-A. B. 2927)

Veterans Benefits

1. Permits Department of Veterans Affairs to pay for individual instruction for courses leading to vocational or professional licenses, or to a degree from an accredited institution. (Ch. 1164-A. B. 1034)

SCHOOL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION**Bond Issue**

1. Provides State aid for school districts to build schools to the amount of \$100,000,000 and enacts a State school building aid bond law. (Ch. 18-S. B. 153)

2. Appropriates \$200,000,000 and amends State construction program bond act of 1955. (Ch. 2286-S. B. 1241)

3. Authorizes director of finance to withdraw from the general fund for the building finance committee subject to replacement upon sale

of bonds. (Ch. 1726-S. B. 1271; and ch. 1727-S. B. 1272)

4. Permits State Allocation Board to renew purposes for which district has expended proceeds of bonds. (Ch. 1416-A. B. 3384)

5. Revises University of California revenue board act and redefines project to include student union facilities. (Ch. 1451-A. B. 3884)

College Auxiliary Enterprise Fund

1. Authorizes the use of money in College Auxiliary Enterprise Fund for construction, improvement, and equipping student housing facilities. (Ch. 2260-A. B. 809)

Indebtedness

1. Authorizes districts to issue bonds for purposes for supplying grounds as well as school buildings, and equipment as well as apparatus. (Ch. 1182-A. B. 764)

Lease of School Property

1. Permits boards to lease property not needed for school purposes for periods not to exceed 5 consecutive calendar days in each fiscal year. (Ch. 1110-A. B. 448)

2. Provides for transfer of property to Regents of the University of California and the United States of America. (Ch. 10-A. B. 553)

3. Permits governing boards to lease buildings and facilities for terms not to exceed 3 years with

option of renewal for like terms as needed. (Ch. 861-A. B. 2741)

4. Permits boards to sell, grant, quitclaim, or lease property not needed for school buildings. (Ch. 1438-A. B. 3620)

5. Authorizes boards to deal quitclaim deeds to owners of property adjacent to school district property. (Ch. 1441-A. B. 3710)

6. Authorizes districts to enter into agreement for construction of buildings on district property to be leased for a term not to exceed 40 years and requires increased tax rate to comply with agreement. (Ch. 2071-S. B. 728)

Levy for Libraries

1. Permits financing of building for libraries only from taxes levied on property which is part of county free library systems. (Ch. 1266-A. B. 1943)

Planning

1. Regulates planning through local and State committee. (Ch. 1754-S. B. 1613)

Portable Buildings

1. Permits the use of portable buildings or temporary quarters by school districts with over-crowded enrollment. (Ch. 2159-A. B. 2306)

State Aid

1. Permits districts to apply for State Aid Funds for additional

construction features of school buildings. (Ch. 2139-A. B. 912)

2. Excludes from computation of State Air Funds received as a gift or bequest for school buildings. (Ch. 814-A. B. 1279)

3. Modifies method or repayment of unauthorized expenditures or excess apportionment of State aid. (Ch. 2138-A. B. 1494)

4. Modifies provisions regarding refund, apportionment, and allocation of State school building aid. (Ch. 1243-A. B. 1790; Ch. 1244-A. B. 1791; Ch. 1953-A. B. 1793)

5. Changes priority in allocating State school building aid funds on the basis of points for unhoused pupils. (Ch. 1348-A. B. 2622)

6. Requires State Allocation Board to exclude cooperative nursery from State school aid for purposes of building. (Ch. 1991-A. B. 2748)

7. Appropriates for completion of projects undertaken with State school building aid funds in distressed districts. (Ch. 2391-A. B. 3590)

8. Authorizes State Allocation Board to apportion funds for furniture and supplies. (Ch. 1779-S. B. 157)

9. Regulates State aid to school districts involved in reorganization. (Ch. 556-S. B. 159 and Ch. 1878-S. B. 162)

10. Permits deferralment of payments by district to the State for school building aid. (Ch. 1680-S. B. 294)

11. Clarifies terminology and includes administrative offices. (Ch. 530-S. B. 260)
12. Permits funds for plans and specifications. (Ch. 1528-S. B. 261)
13. Provides for the portionment of State school building aid funds to districts. (Ch. 1001-S. B. 1273)
14. Regulates repayment of apportionment of State aid for building construction. (Ch. 1714-S. B. 1565)
15. Regulates apportionment of State building aid. (Ch. 508-S. B. 1619)
16. Provides for State aid for builders risk insurance for the public school building loan fund. (Ch. 1771-S. B. 1750)
17. Appropriates \$1,200,000 to comply with the flood relief law of 1956. (Ch. 2332-S. B. 1778)
18. Regulates State aid pertaining to annexing district. (Ch. 688-S. B. 1873 and Ch. 1787-S. B. 1874)
19. Regulates expenditure of State school building aid. (Ch. 1856-S. B. 2597)
20. Permits State aid for purchase of laboratory and vocational equipment. (Ch. 1857-S. B. 2601)
21. Revises State aid law in relation to maximum allowable area. (Ch. 1858-S. B. 2607)
22. Permits housing authorities to contract with school districts for improvements, services, and facilities. (Ch. 1872-S. B. 2609)
23. Creates State school construction fund and transfers \$1 million from the investment fund for buildings. (Ch. 2383-S. B. 2673)
24. Regulates apportionment of State aid for buildings. (Ch. 2059-S. B. 2676)

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Adult Education

1. Permits school districts to establish classes for adults in sanatoriums, hospitals, and county institutions. (Ch. 1414-A. B. 3369)

Automobile Driver Training

1. Authorizes school districts maintaining automobile driver training classes to extend such classes to the summer vacation. (Ch. 1188-A. B. 772)
2. Revises law regarding issuance of operator's licenses and junior permits and modifies age limit for issuance of instruction permits. (Ch. 610-A. B. 1479; Ch. 284-A. B. 1480)
3. Guards driver training instructors from interference while giving instruction. (Ch. 290-A. B. 2112)
4. Authorizes temporary permits to any person applying for instructors or driving school licenses. (Ch. 1282-A. B. 2118)
5. Requires that an applicant for a license to operate a driver training school must have been a driver training instructor for at least one year. (Ch. 623-A. B. 2190)

6. Authorizes State aid to reimburse local districts for excess cost of driver training education not to exceed \$35 per pupil. (Ch. 2333-S. B. 1808)

Aviation Education

1. Requires State Department to assist local districts in formulating and administering a program of aviation education and flight instruction in the public schools. (Ch. 1592-S. B. 647)

Blind Pupils

1. Authorizes up to \$400 for each unit of average daily attendance of blind pupils for purchase of Braille books and special school supplies and equipment. (Ch. 596-A. B. 831)

2. Exempts reader for blind persons from provisions of State retirement system. (Ch. 1139-A. B. 836)

8. Permits any city or county to purchase materials and supplies manufactured by the California Industry for the Blind without advertising or calling for bids. (Ch. 1145-A. B. 877)

4. Defines blind pupils and prohibits sale of products designated as being made by the blind unless at least 75 percent of the labor is performed by blind persons. (Ch. 766-A. B. 936)

5. Permits State Departments to cooperate with American Printing

House for the Blind in providing books and materials. (Ch. 2269-A. B. 1082)

6. Reduces resident requirements from 5 to 1 year for certain vending purposes. (Ch. 2271-A. B. 1149)

7. Requires State Board of Education to provide adopted textbooks in braille for students with corrective vision with 20 slant line, 200 or less. (Ch. 1058-A. B. 1808)

8. Exempts certain educational benefits for the blind in computing property and evaluation. (Ch. 1960-A. B. 2452)

9. Increases from \$125 to \$200 the amount the California School for the Blind may spend for clothing and transportation. (Ch. 559-S. B. 529)

10. Appropriates \$20,000 to provide counselors for the blind students. (Ch. 2287-S. B. 1250)

11. Regulates funds for guide dogs for blind persons. (Ch. 1710-S. B. 1555)

Deaf Students

1. Extends authority of State Department to pay expenses of deaf students attending Gallaudet College in Washington, D. C. to include graduates of any high school, rather than a public high school. (Ch. 762-A. B. 701)

Educational Television

1. Authorizes authorities to contract for educational television. (Ch. 907-A. B. 1535)

Emotionally Disturbed

1. Appropriates \$108,000 and authorizes that a study be made relating to emotionally disturbed children in public schools. (Ch. 2385-S. B. 62)

Exceptional Children

1. Regulates State aid for non-resident exceptional children. (Ch. 1789-S. B. 1878)

Homeless Children

1. Amends California Academies Act and makes technical changes and clarifies terminology. (Ch. 76-S. B. 4)

Inmates

1. Authorizes the Director of Corrective Institutions to contract with the local district for education of inmates and appropriates \$92,167 therefor. (Ch. 2245-S. B. 152)

Mental Health

1. Adds a division of community mental health service to the welfare institution code. (Ch. 1989-S. B. 44)

Mentally Retarded

1. Provides for advance apportionment for education of mentally retarded minors. (Ch. 1994-A. B. 51)

2. Raises maximum age limit for education of mentally retarded from 18 to 21 years. (Ch. 1984-A. B. 3353)

3. Requires school districts to provide education for mentally retarded minors and prescribes duties of officers. (Ch. 884-A. B. 732)

4. Fixes minimum school day for severely mentally retarded in special classes at 180 minutes inclusive of recesses and 130 minutes each, where teacher has two such classes on the same day. (Ch. 2128-A. B. 1083)

5. Increased from \$400 to \$450 per unit of average daily attendance the maximum amount allocated annually for excess expenses of educating severely mentally retarded minors. (Ch. 1511-S. B. 61)

6. Increases from \$150 to \$200 the excess cost of education for mentally retarded children. (Ch. 1913-S. B. 1240)

Nursery Schools

1. Authorizes cities to revive cooperative nursery schools. (Ch. 978-S. B. 999)

Nursing

1. Prescribes rules for accreditation of school of nursing. (Ch. 1567-S. B. 508)

Physically Handicapped

1. Corrects cross references in regard to instruction of physically

handicapped pupils. (Ch. 589-A. B. 407)

2. Makes joint resolution relative to the establishment of an especially designed industrial plant for the physically handicapped. (Ch. 149-A. C. R. 103)

3. Authorizes State superintendent to approve excess cost of educating physically handicapped not to exceed \$600. (Ch. 2060-S. B. 66)

4. Provides additional employment opportunities and training for physically handicapped. (Ch. 187-S. C. R. 68)

Speech Defects

1. Permits minors with speech defects to be admitted to special schools. (Ch. 2134-A. B. 1348)

Veterans Education

1. Extends authority of directors of high schools and junior colleges to purchase necessary equipment and provides for the cadet corps. (Ch. 1890-S. B. 527)

Vocational Nursing

1. Increases membership from 7 to 9 on the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners of the State. (Ch. 1682-A. B. 1154)

2. Limits power to issue certificates and diplomas in nursing. (Ch. 1995-A. B. 3552)

Work Experience

1. Provides for the instruction of pupils in skill, guidance, and work

experience education in high schools and junior college districts. (Ch. 1571-S. B. 519)

STUDENTS

Attendance

1. Permits pupils of elementary school districts to attend junior high school outside the districts. (Ch. 2112-A. B. 473)

Child Care Centers

1. Increases amount of allowable monthly income for establishing eligibility for admission to centers. (Ch. 182-A. B. 136)

Discipline

1. Authorizes boards to suspend or expel those who possess narcotics on school premises. (Ch. 1436-A. B. 3572)

Employment

1. Requires public and private agencies to cooperate with Department of Employment in youth placement. (Ch. 1490-A. B. 1826)

Health and Safety

1. Modifies various laws relating to public health and safety. (Ch. 205-S. B. 379)

2. Permits local officials to contract for health service for students. (Ch. 670-S. B. 600)

3. Restricts dormitory housing to certain health and safety standards. (Ch. 334-S. B. 707)

4. Prescribes heavy penalties to offenders for molesting children or loitering around school property. (Ch. 1735-S. B. 1298)

5. Regulates safety precautions pertaining to the closing of streets at schools. (Ch. 313-S. B. 2328)

6. Modifies the report to parents reporting on student's health. (Ch. 885-A. B. 961)

7. Requires school not maintaining hospital service to so advise parents of children participating in athletics. (Ch. 1463-A. B. 4066)

8. Authorizes boards to construct underpasses, foot bridges, tunnels, sewers, and water pipes in proximity of schools for school or administrative purposes. (Ch. 801-A. B. 778)

9. Modifies marking of crosswalks at school intersections. (Ch. 1252-A. B. 1863)

Libraries

1. Permits trustees of law libraries to increase from \$2.00 to \$3.00 the law library fee payable by parties in Civil Court actions. (Ch. 86-A. B. 552)

2. Modifies jurisdiction over administration of libraries from State to district level. (Ch. 1203-A. B. 1362; ch. 2135-A. B. 1363; ch. 1743-A. B. 1364)

3. Extends library service in county service areas. (Ch. 617-A. B. 1750)

4. Adds site acquisition to library service building program. (Ch. 1265-A. B. 1940)

5. Authorizes State Department to contract with county and other local agencies as well as agencies of the Federal Government to establish and operate library service centers. (Ch. 1744-A. B. 1939)

6. Permits boards to establish county free libraries elsewhere in the county, rather than only in the county seat. (Ch. 653-A. B. 3276)

7. Authorizes State Department to exercise broader control and expansion of library services. (Ch. 1742-S. B. 1374)

Physical Examinations

1. Requires children to be examined for visual acuity by school nurse before beginning of third grade. (Ch. 1093-A. B. 151)

Scholarships

1. Extends scholarship program to 1962 and revises qualifications for membership on State Scholarship Commission and competitive scholarships. (Ch. 787-A. B. 52)

Textbooks

1. Requires that textbooks be made available for public inspection for at least 30 days prior to adoption. (Ch. 1860-S. B. 2609)

2. Changes methods for adoption, distribution, sale, and use of textbooks. (Ch. 1464-A. B. 4085)

Transportation

1. Requires all school buses to be properly marked and lighted. (Ch. 1229-A. B. 1605)
2. Permits the use of school buses for transportation of adult volunteers assisting in supervision. (Ch. 624-A. B. 2193)
3. Amends transportation law and clarifies terminology. (Ch. 1527-S. B. 228)
4. Authorizes superintendents to make extended use of school buses to include numerous school functions. (Ch. 1792-S. B. 1934)

5. Requires motor vehicles carrying passengers to stop at railroad crossings and also makes other changes. (Ch. 1831-S. B. 2277)

Tuition

1. Authorizes dependents of military personnel to register as residents in institutions of higher education. (Ch. 1522-S. B. 163)
2. Increases tuition charges for junior college students from \$150 to \$300. (Ch. 1664-S. B. 1006)
3. Provides for the administration and fees or tuition in junior high school. (Ch. 1804-A. B. 2243)

COLORADO

ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

Civil Defense Drills

1. Enables school boards to enter into agreements with civil defense agencies to evacuate school buildings during emergencies, and to relieve school district of liability for pupils while engaged in evacuation drills. (Ch. 95-S. B. 209).

Property Transfer

1. Authorizes boards of first and second class districts to buy and sell real and personal property from or to each other and to annex land so acquired. (Ch. 229-S. B. 235).

Public Meetings

1. Requires school boards to make bylaws to hold meetings regularly and in open public, and to conduct all voting by rollcall. (Ch. 227-S. B. 104)

School District Reorganization

1. Provides for seventh and eighth grades in county high school districts at the discretion of the county high school committee. (Ch. 232-H. B. 352).

2. Includes school districts, municipalities, and other political subdivisions owning vacant land

within definition of "land-owners". Excludes term "resident land-owner". (Ch. 275-S. B. 238)

3. Provides for reorganization of school districts under the supervision of a school planning committee in each county, and prescribes duties of all State and local officials included therein. Appropriates \$55,000 therefor. (Ch. 237-S. B. 385)

State Department

1. Increases the membership of the State Board of Examiners from 8 to 11, and names educational areas from which each shall be selected. (Ch. 224-S. B. 151)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Debt Limit

1. Increases the maximum bonded debt limit to 10 percent of assessed valuation for any new district, except upon vote and certification of local board that an emergency exists. Such indebtedness may be increased an additional 5 percent. (H. B. 59)

Federal Forest Reserve Funds

1. Requires that a minimum of 5 percent of forest reserve funds shall be apportioned to the school fund. (H. B. 169)

Foundation Program

1. Establishes a new foundation program for financing public schools based upon classroom unit, and includes junior college districts. (Ch. 238-S. B. 217)

Investments

1. Authorizes any body politic to invest in debentures issued by a federal intermediate credit bank. (Ch. 184-H. B. 239)

Taxes

1. Excludes household furnishings and personal effects from general taxation. (Ch. 267-H. B. 4)

2. Raises property tax levy limit for county and union high schools from 8 to 10 mills. (Ch. 231-H. B. 204)

3. Changes the title of the post-war reserve fund to the capital reserve building fund, maintaining a 5 percent increase with not to exceed 1 mill in any one year. Authorizes this fund to be used for new building construction in junior college districts. (Ch. 225-H. B. 220)

HIGHER EDUCATION**Junior Colleges**

1. Provides for the organization of junior college districts; permits formation from territory comprising less than counties or by combination of parts of counties. Pre-

scribes for elections of officials and delegates their powers and duties. (Ch. 236-H. B. 363)

State Colleges and Universities

1. Changes name of Colorado State College at Greeley to Colorado State College. (Ch. 239-S. B. 14)

2. Changes name of Colorado Agricultural and Mechanical College to Colorado State University. (Ch. 241-S. B. 26)

PERSONNEL**Contracts and Tenure**

1. Establishes a three-member panel to hear charges and determine by two-thirds vote whether the employing boards' or committees' decision to terminate a teacher's contract is correct. (Ch. 233-S. B. 182)

Duties

1. Authorizes boards of education in districts of 30,000 or more to appoint assistant treasurer in absence or inability of treasurer to serve. (Ch. 228-S. B. 220)

Removal of County Officials

1. Provides conditions under which county superintendents shall be removed from office. (Ch. 106-S. B. 29)

Retirement

1. Increases teacher retirement benefits from \$75 to \$100 per month and includes county superintendents in the teachers emeritus act. (Ch. 234 and 235)

2. Modifies various provisions of State employees retirement system so that 5-year members may receive $\frac{1}{8}$ of their pay, and 10-year members may receive $\frac{1}{4}$ of their pay at age 65. Also authorizes lump sum payments. (Ch. 199-S. B. 193)

3. Provides benefits for surviving members, and increases benefits under certain conditions. (Ch. 201-S. B. 194)

4. Establishes retirement procedures for presidents, deans, professors, instructors, and research workers of State institutions of higher learning and appropriates therefor. (Ch. 242-S. B. 218)

Salaries

1. Reclassifies certain class II counties to include more in group B of that class for salary purposes. (Ch. 143-H. B. 58)

2. Reclassifies certain class IV counties by raising certain counties from group B to group A for salary purposes. (Ch. 144-S. B. 21)

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Veterans Education

1. Extends veterans education and training program until January 31, 1965. (Ch. 285-H. B. 24)

STUDENTS

Transportation

1. Requires motorists to stop before passing a parked school bus when flashing red lights are operating, and further provides for school bus markings. (Ch. 68-H. B. 22)

2. Exempts school districts from payment for registration of motor vehicle tax. (Ch. 77-H. B. 110)

3. Exempts publicly owned or leased vehicles from specific ownership tax. (Ch. 72-H. B. 266)

4. Authorizes school boards of any class district to authorize its officers to provide temporary transportation for school pupils in vehicles owned or operated by such officials for approved school activities or emergencies, and permits school boards to purchase liability insurance for such vehicles. (Ch. 230-S. B. 240)

CONNECTICUT

ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

Nonpublic Schools

1. Permits towns to conduct local referendum to determine whether or not the municipality may offer bus service to nonpublic school pupils and prescribes the manner of voting thereon. (P. A. 547)

Public Meetings

1. Requires that the meeting of all administrative and executive boards shall be open to the public and that its minutes shall be recorded and available for public inspection at all reasonable times. (P. A. 468)

State Board of Education

1. Regulates powers and duties of the State Board pertaining to vocational rehabilitation of the handicapped and authorizes State Board to accept Federal benefits. (P. A. 557)

Study Commission

1. Authorizes the Legislative Council to study the teachers retirement system and report its findings to the 1959 Session. (H. J. R. 180)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

State Aid

1. Increases State aid by approximately \$21 per pupil plus \$9.50 for each additional pupil since 1947 in average daily membership resulting in \$19,785,000 for the next biennium. (P. A. 642)

PERSONNEL

Certification

1. Disapproves a requirement that elementary school teachers must complete the fifth year of preparation after ten years of receiving professional certificates. (H. J. R. 186)

Duties

1. Authorizes school principals along with police and other officers the right to apprehend those engaged in loitering about a school premises and prescribes maximum penalties of \$200 and imprisonment. (P. A. 147)

Retirement

1. Provides survivor's benefits or lump sum terminal payments and the opportunity on an optional basis from teachers to buy additional annuities. (P. A. 562)

2. Permits members to add brothers and sisters, in addition to spouse or dependent parent, as co-participants of retirement plan D. (P. A. 454)

3. Permits retirement on disability at age 65 and broadens the base for computing benefits thereunder on the basis of the five years of the highest salary during the ten years preceding retirement. (P. A. 403)

4. Permits group life insurance premiums to be paid by retirement board upon request of members. (P. A. 352)

5. Increases from \$35 to \$50 per month the supplemental allowance authorized members retired before 1948. (Spec. Act 315).

6. Increases from \$85 to \$100 per month the minimum amount a retired teacher may receive if retired after 1948. (Spec. Act. 314)

7. Permits State or university service of not to exceed ten years for credit toward retirement. Places a time limit on date of assessment on payment of interest to within two years of employment or by June, 1959. (P. A. 429 and 563)

8. Clarifies terminology pertaining to and authorizing credit toward retirement for service of members in schools for military dependents. (P. A. 562)

9. Provides for the withdrawal and refund of amounts with accumulated interest. (P. A. 86)

Salaries

1. Provides State aid which will substantially increase teachers salaries. (P. A. 642)

2. Permits retired teachers to earn up to \$1,200 annually as substitute teacher in Connecticut schools. (P. A. 325)

Veterans Benefits

1. Clarifies terminology in relation to veterans benefits. (P. A. 163)

SCHOOL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

Bond Issues

1. Authorizes additional \$1 million bond issues for teachers college dormitories and student service facilities. (Spec. Act 668)

2. Authorizes \$6,550,000 bond issue for construction at State teachers colleges as follows: (a) Danbury State Teachers College \$1,360,000; (b) Teachers College at New Britain \$2,151,000; (c) New Haven State Teachers College \$2,560,000; (d) Willimantic State Teachers College \$475,000. The State Department is authorized to pay one-half the debt service requirements from revenues derived from student fees. (Spec. Act 659)

3. Authorizes bond issue of \$5,400,000 for vocational schools and

technical institutes as follows: Norwalk \$2,894,750; Manchester \$500,000; Meriden \$1,000,000; New Britain \$1,000,000. (Spec. Act 665)

4. Increases bond issues for Stamford by \$450,000 and Middletown by \$250,000. (Spec. Act 369 and 547)

State Aid

1. Broadens the base of support for local school building programs and removes certain tax pressures on local real estate. (P. A. 593)

2. Provides increase in the State aid for school building construction as follows: Elementary school from \$300 ($\frac{1}{3}$ the cost) to \$500 ($\frac{1}{2}$ the cost) per pupil; secondary school from \$450 ($\frac{1}{3}$ the cost) to \$700 ($\frac{1}{2}$ the cost) per pupil; and an increase of \$100 per pupil for regional schools. (P. A. 593)

3. Extends the terminal date of the State school building aid program for 10 years from June 30, 1959 to June 30, 1969. (P. A. 256)

4. Includes regional school districts in the eligible group for receiving hardship grants. (P. A. 261)

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Adult Education

1. Increases State aid grants for adult education from the present two and one-half cents to six cents per pupil clock hour and increases

the limit of grants for one-half the salary of adult education to \$2,500. (P. A. 581)

Mentally Handicapped

1. Increases the formula from two to two and one-half times the average daily membership grants in general State aid for education of mentally handicapped children. (P. A. 656)

STUDENTS

Discipline

1. Permits boards to expel pupils for disciplinary reasons after a full hearing to the board. (P. A. 92)

Libraries

1. Appropriates \$25,000 to provide annual State aid to a maximum of \$300 for each library. (P. A. 519)

2. Extends State grants to libraries providing services by contract as well as to other public libraries. (P. A. 126)

3. Permits State agencies to contract for library services. (P. A. 121)

School Census

1. Provides for enumeration of all children under 18 years of age instead of the previous ages of 3 to 18. (P. A. 72)

Transportation

1. Clarifies terminology in relation to transportation. (P. A. 481)

2. Eliminates restrictions on wheelbase on vehicles used to transport school children. (P. A. 264)

Work Permits

1. Authorizes the issuance of work permits by the local superintendent of schools rather than the State board of education. (P. A. 101)

DELAWARE

PERSONNEL

Retirement

1. Provides for the payment of benefits to the surviving spouse of deceased State employees (includes teachers) who participated in the State pension plan, and appropriates \$1,250 to carry out the act. (H. B. 82)

2. Increases from 30 to 60 days in any one school year the amount of time the retired teacher may teach without reducing the retirement benefits that are available to him. (H. B. 97)

Salaries

1. Increases from \$300 to \$900 annually, in addition to annual increments, the amount a teacher's salary may be increased from State funds. Raises beginning teachers' salaries \$400 in each category, and appropriates \$1,277,552 for the biennium to carry out the provisions of the act. (S. Sub. 11 for S. B. 43)

2. Increases the starting salary for school secretaries from \$175 to \$185 per month. (S. Sub. 1 for S. B. 62)

Sick Leave

1. Increases from 40 to 120 days the amount of unused sick leave

that may be accumulated by school employees. (S. B. 30)

SCHOOL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

School Building Program Act of 1957

1. Provides for the construction of 45 buildings at a cost of \$44,511,875 with the State financing \$31,983,487 of the funds (60 percent), and the local authorities financing \$12,528,388 of the funds (40 percent). (H. B. 296)

STUDENTS

Curriculum

1. Requires that in the daily opening exercises of every free public school, the teachers and pupils assembled, shall salute and pledge allegiance to the American flag. Revises the Pledge of Allegiance to include "under God" in the pledge. (H. B. 212)

Scholarships

1. Establishes a teacher training scholarship program based on needs of teachers, citizenship, and academic achievement for the University of Delaware. Appropriates

\$50,000, not otherwise appropriated, for each of the next two fiscal years to finance the program. (S. B. 185)

2. Provides financial aid to any resident of the State qualified to matriculate or continue courses of

study solely upon the basis of economic need. (S. B. 182)

3. Appropriates \$20,000 for the next biennium for Delaware State College at Dover for a minimum of 20 scholarships a year. (H. B. 283)

FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

Interim Committee

1. Creates an interim committee composed of 19 members to study and recommend: (a) improvements on curricula; (b) compensation of instructors; (c) recruitment, and placement of teachers; and (d) financing of the free public school system. (Ch. 57-360)

Misleading Advertising

1. Provides penalty for persons engaged in the use of misleading advertising regarding diplomas, credentials, or certificates. (Ch. 57-410)

Records

1. Authorizes county superintendents to reproduce records on film or print and destroy originals. These carry the same weight in evidence as originals and requires certified copies to be admitted into evidence. Authorizes destruction of general correspondence and documents not part of an agreement and with no general value after three years. (Ch. 57-378)

School Elections

1. Prescribes procedure for the nomination, voting, filing of

records and disposition of ballots for the first and second primary elections for political parties and subdivisions of the State. (Ch. 57-166)

School Term

1. Provides that the county school board may operate all schools within the county on a quarterly basis and may enter into 12-month contracts with personnel at the same rate of monthly compensation and the same monthly ratio of minimum foundation program contributions that are now applicable on a 10-month basis. (Ch. 57-370)

Southern Regional Education Compact

1. Modifies membership and terms of office for board members constituting the Southern Regional Education Compact and prescribes additional duties for members. (Ch. 57-177)

State Board of Education

1. Provides that the State board may adopt regulations whereby a portion of the recalculation funds based on estimated minimum foundation program will be made available to the eligible counties as soon after December 1 as possible.

(Previously distributed beginning April 1.) (Ch. 57-190)

Validating Acts

1. Provides amendments for many sections of laws which have occasioned difficulty at the county level such as the disposal of school property, resident districts of board members, duties of school trustees and board members and other minor administrative changes. (Ch. 57-249)

2. Restores a 1955 omission from the Florida statutes which was inadvertently omitted regarding instructional personnel, school days, vacation periods, fiscal year, exceptional children, and special services. (Ch. 57-217)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Foundation and Other Appropriation Increases

1. Appropriations for the biennium 1957-59 were increased as follows:

Minimum Foundation Program.....	\$34, 576, 900
Increased Teacher Salaries	42, 454, 773
School Construction (matching).....	23, 065, 000
Junior Colleges (operation)	3, 425, 278
Junior / College (construction)	3, 255, 400
Teachers Retirement.....	2, 082, 200
Textbooks.....	579, 500
Total.....	115, 740, 150

2. Provides for the sale or acquisition of State forests to the county

schools and requires that 25 percent of the proceeds shall be paid into the State school fund and 15 percent of the gross receipts to the county or counties in which such State forests are located. (Ch. 57-159)

HIGHER EDUCATION

Junior Colleges

1. Defines the junior colleges as a part of the local public school system under the supervision of the State board of education and appropriates funds for the operation under the Minimum Foundation Program. Provides for the establishment of six new junior colleges in addition to the five already operating. (Ch. 57-252)

2. Appropriates \$8,255,499 for construction at new and existing junior colleges. (Ch. 57-760)

State Universities

1. Provides over \$5 million for nuclear research at State universities and an additional \$60,000 to finance the Florida Nuclear Development Commission.

PERSONNEL

Certification Fees

1. Changes the fees for issuance of a teachers certificate from \$3.00 for initial certificate, \$2.00 for renewal, \$1.00 for extension to a single \$5.00 for initial certificate

and no fee for other services except a charge of \$1.00 for a duplicate. (Ch. 57-330)

Duties

1. Provides that the superintendents of Dade, Duval, Pinellas, and Sarasota Counties shall be executive officers of the school board and permits the State board to set the duties of these officers. Permits salary to be established by the county board. Establishes a 4-year term of office. (Ch. 57-308)

Leave

1. Permits county school boards to establish policies authorizing teachers 2 days a year leave of absence on religious holidays to be charged against sick leave. (Ch. 57-79)

2. Provides that the school board shall allow bus drivers 6 days sick leave a year with pay. (S. B. 81)

Retirement

1. Provides survivor benefits for dependents of members of the teacher retirement system similar to Social Security benefits. Establishes a deadline date of July 1, 1963 for changing to Plan E. The new minimum disability allowance is \$75 a month or an annual benefit of \$40 multiplied by the number of years service whichever is greater. (Ch. 57-357)

2. Allows a teacher who obtains a nonteaching position with the State or county to continue in orig-

inal retirement system. (Ch. 57-752)

3. Authorizes retired teachers to be employed a maximum of 200 hours a school year in adult education or similar programs without placing their retirement benefits in jeopardy. [Heretofore retired teachers could do only substitute teaching.] (Ch. 57-189)

Salaries

1. Increases the allocation under the minimum foundation program for instructional salaries by \$300 per unit to \$4,450 for rank 1, \$3,850 for rank 2, \$3,400 for rank 3, \$2,450 for rank 4, and \$2,150 for rank 5. Requires that personnel be paid at least an amount equal to 90 percent of the M. F. P. unit value. Further provides each instructional unit on continuing contract an additional \$300 and still another \$300 for 10 or more years of continuous teaching service in Florida schools. Requires that the minimum salary of \$4,000 (for contract personnel) and \$5,000 (for teachers with 10 years service) must be met in all except remote counties. (Ch. 57-297)

2. Establishes a minimum salary for county superintendents at \$6,000 instead of \$4,800 previously provided. (Ch. 57-391)

SCHOOL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

Contracts Under \$20,000

1. Provides that a county school board may arrange for school con-

struction, repair or alteration project costing less than \$20,000 to be constructed on a day-labor basis. [Old statute provided maximum of \$10,000.] (Ch. 57-396)

State Aid

1. Provides State aid of \$200 per pupil in average daily attendance in grades 1 to 12 to the counties on a matching basis for school building construction. The per pupil ratio for 1956-57 is based on the increase in average daily attendance for the preceeding year. The same formula will apply in succeeding years over previous years. Any unmatched funds by the counties in the first year shall carry over to the second year of the biennium. A total of \$23,065,000 was appropriated for this purpose. (Ch. 57-334)

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Driver Training Education

1. Provides for the continuation of State support to reimburse counties for expenses incurred in providing a driver education program in the secondary schools. Makes available all money collected from a 25 cent additional fee added to the charge for a driver's license. (Ch. 57-276)

Educational Television

1. Provides for the establishment of a 7-member State educational television commission to design, construct and operate a television

network. The commission is given broad administrative and supervisory powers over the operation of television in the 12 college communities. Appropriates \$600,000 for television use for the next biennium. (Ch. 57-312)

STUDENTS

Attendance

1. Provides that any child within the age of compulsory school attendance may be exempted upon the recommendation of a judge of the juvenile court and the county superintendent. [This broadens present law which allows exemptions because of physical and mental disability, distance and employment.] (Ch. 57-299)

Scholarship Loans

1. Provides that the holder of a teacher scholarship loan shall not be required to pay, until 90 days after receiving his degree, any promissory note as provided in the scholarship law, when the student enters the armed forces and continues his teacher education preparation upon release from active duty. (Ch. 57-329)

Transportation

1. Requires all school buses to be national school bus chrome and requires school buses to be repainted upon retirement from service. (Ch. 57-280)

GEORGIA

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Foundation Program

1. Limits the amount of local funds the school system is required to pay toward the cost of the minimum foundation program which will result in a \$200 across the board increase in teacher's salaries and an increase of \$3,000,000 for the State Minimum Foundation Program. (H. B. 195)

PERSONNEL

Retirement

1. Provides that teachers in non-sectarian schools are eligible for retirement benefits under the Georgia teacher's retirement system. (H. B. 1)

2. Provides retirement benefits for librarians employed in the regional and county libraries. (H. B. 134)

3. Provides for credit on a reciprocity basis in the teacher's retirement system for teachers beginning duties in the State from another State and from independent retirement systems. (H. B. 350)

4. Provides that teachers returning to active teaching services shall be given permission to reestablish credit for prior service. (H. B. 351)

Salaries

1. Limits the amount of local funds the school system is required to pay toward the cost of the minimum foundation program which will result in a \$200 across the board increase in teacher's salaries and an increase of \$3,000,000 for the State Minimum Foundation Program. (H. B. 195)

2. Increases the per diem pay for members of county boards of Education from \$5 to \$10 a day. (H. B. 203)

3. Modifies school bus transportation procedure and provides for a minimum salary schedule for bus drivers with a minimum guarantee of \$100 for the 10th month. (S. B. 157)

STUDENTS

Attendance

1. Amends the compulsory school attendance law to authorize the Governor, at his option, power to suspend the law affecting attendance requirements. (H. S. 3)

Health and Safety

1. Provides that the Board of Education shall have authority to require vaccination against poliomyelitis as well as smallpox as a prerequisite to admission of stu-

dents to public schools. (H. B. 143)

Scholarships

1. Proposes an amendment to the Constitution which will allow the

Board of Regents of the University system to use State funds in awarding an unlimited number of scholarships to qualified students. The amendment will be voted on November, 1958. (S. R. 16)

IDAHO

ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

Parental Responsibility

1. Authorizes the recovery of civil damages of not to exceed \$300 from parents of minors, when such minors, under the age of 18 years, have willfully destroyed property. (Ch. 32)

School District Reorganization

1. Changes procedure to be followed by electors in petitioning for boundary changes in reorganized district. (Ch. 111)

2. Provides for the election procedures for the alteration of trustee zones. (Ch. 130)

3. Prescribes procedures for pooling bond debt limit of any components of a newly organized district. (Ch. 229)

4. Defines and provides for the annexation of lapsed school districts. (Ch. 230)

5. Provides that when an unreorganized district maintaining a high school is completely surrounded by a reorganized territory, it is automatically declared a class B district. (Ch. 194)

State Department of Education

1. Creates and establishes in the Office of the Adjutant General an

office for the administration of receiving and distribution of Federal surplus property and makes an appropriation of \$25,000 for the administration thereof, and for a revolving fund for acquiring such property.

2. Creates a committee of public school accounting to establish a uniform system and method of accounting. Provides for membership on such committee, requires State Board of Education to administer the uniform system, and appropriates \$5,000 for the expenses of said committee. (Ch. 332)

3. Designates the State Board of Education as a State agency to accept anticipated financial assistance from any agency of the United States. (Ch. 241)

Terminology Changes

1. Clarifies terminology pertaining to the election of district trustees, and provides meeting dates and notices of election. (Ch. 66)

2. Clarifies terminology pertaining to electors in the election of library district trustees. (Ch. 138)

Fire Prevention

1. Prescribes regulations relating to fire escapes in buildings. (Ch. 103)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT**Bond Issues**

1. Extends for two years a 1955 enactment which raised the bonding limit to 10 percent of the assessed valuation in class C and joint class C districts, and to 15 percent in class A, joint class A, class B, and joint class B districts. (Ch. 36)

Foundation Program

1. Provides an increase across the board of \$300 in the minimum salary apportionment schedule; an increase from \$1.30 per month to \$1.50 per month, the allowance, per pupil in average daily attendance, and for an equalizing factor with varied valuations. (Ch. 334)

State Aid

1. Increases proceeds from sale of timber on national forest land from 25 percent to 30 percent. (Ch. 194)

2. Transfers \$22,000,000 from the general fund to the public school income fund. (Ch. 335)

3. Increases the apportionment to token counties from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per year. (Ch. 224)

Tax Study Commissions

1. Provides for a State Tax Commission to establish the ratio of real valuation to assessed valuation in each county by August 1958, and to keep the ratio up-to-date yearly.

Differentiates between the low and high assessment ratio counties. (Ch. 152)

HIGHER EDUCATION**Junior Colleges**

1. Creates a public corporation for the construction of dormitories in each junior college district. Prescribes the qualifications and responsibilities for membership, and permits the corporation to issue revenue rather than general obligation bonds for such construction. (Ch. 87)

2. Removes the requirement that levies must be approved at an election. Trustees may levy 8 mills (formerly had to submit the top two mills to a vote). Authorizes trustees to increase tuition of students resident from \$50 to a maximum of \$75. (Ch. 35)

3. Modifies term of office of junior college trustees by increasing such term from 3 to 6 years. (Ch. 18)

4. Authorizes the State Board of Land Commissioners to sell or lease the facilities of any privately run hospital, college, sanatorium, or vocational school. (Ch. 30)

PERSONNEL**Retirement and Social Security**

1. Provides for a Social Security referendum for State employees, and authorizes teachers to elect to come under the Federal Social Security program instead of the

Teachers' Retirement System. Establishes time, date, and administrative procedure for such elections. (Ch. 83 and ch. 23) [Referendum has been approved.]

2. Provides for the investment of teachers' reserve funds in bonds or obligations, the payment of principal and interest of which is unconditionally guaranteed by the United States. (Ch. 55)

3. Authorizes the Board of Trustees of the Teachers' Retirement System to transfer funds to the Social Security trust fund in the event teachers should become covered under the Federal Social Security Act. (Ch. 216)

Salaries

1. Increases salary of State Superintendent of Public Instruction to \$8,000 to become effective in January 1959. (H. B. 344)

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Exceptional Children

1. Places upon school districts the responsibility for the education of mentally and physically handicapped children. Provides for employment of teachers, establishment

of classroom units, and for education outside the districts. (Ch. 308)

STUDENTS

Attendance

1. Clarifies certain existing clauses of the compulsory attendance regulations and establishes procedure for the apprehension of truants. Provides that proceedings may be instituted against parents for failure to comply with the compulsory attendance law. (Ch. 56)

Curriculum

1. Establishes Arbor Day as the last Friday in April of each year and prescribes for a fitting commemoration. (Ch. 57)

2. Restricts to minors the sale and distribution of publications and comic books devoted to crime, terror, physical violence. (Ch. 197)

Rehabilitation

1. Modifies the youth rehabilitation law and clarifies procedures in regard to taking minor offenders into custody and transfer to centers of correction. (Ch. 235)

ILLINOIS

ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

Education Study Commission

1. Creates a commission to study pensions, annuity and benefit laws relating to employees in governmental services. Appropriates \$15,000 therefor. (S. B. 114)

2. Creates the Illinois Commission of Higher Education consisting of nine members appointed by the Governor to study and analyze present and future needs of higher education in Illinois. Appropriates \$90,000 therefor. (S. B. 547)

3. Appropriates \$50,000 for the school problems commission to survey and study the problems in the public schools of the State of Illinois (H. B. 1111)

Public Meetings

1. Requires all official meetings of public bodies to be public meetings except considerations for acquisition or sale of real estate and information regarding employment or dismissal of employees. (H. B. 699)

Records

1. Requires county boards to furnish county superintendents a list of all text material used in any

school of the district and requires superintendents to keep this available for public inspection and to report to the State superintendent annually. (S. B. 275)

2. Provides for the maintenance of certain tax records by the chief county assessment officer. (S. B. 547)

3. Requires audit of accounts of each school district and prescribes methods to be used. (S. B. 760)

4. Requires school treasurer to file bond with the county superintendent (instead of the superintendent of public instruction) and the county superintendent to report to the State. (H. B. 33)

5. Provides procedure for filing district claim for State aid and requires that officials execute sworn statement indicating there has been no discrimination in the employment of teachers on the basis of color, creed, race, or nationality. (H. B. 254)

6. Provides procedure for filing a claim for the school year 1956 when a nonhigh school district has ceased to exist during that year. (H. B. 332)

7. Provides that trustees in class 1 and 2 county school units shall designate a bank or depository in the State as a depository for school funds and money in the custody of the school treasurer. (H. B. 432)

School District Reorganization

1. Validates minor organization and boundaries of school districts in regard to streets, highways, etc. (S. B. 570)
2. Provides that the superintendent shall file a redistricting map with the county clerk only upon final disposition of a review action. (H. B. 641)
3. Validates certain annexations to school districts made prior to January 1, 1955. (H. B. 836)
4. Provides that in counties with a population of 500,000 or more the nonhigh school territory shall be eliminated on July 1, 1960. (H. B. 967)
5. Provides for the organization of community unit school district from territory having a population of not less than 1,500 and valuation of not less than \$10 million. Establishes duties of officials. (H. B. 1059)
6. Limits certain rights to file petitions for boundary changes when bond election issue is pending and provides for administration and attendance at schools whose district boundaries have been changed. (H. B. 1066)
7. Provides for the reorganization of territory having a population of not less than 1,500 and not more than 500,000 into community consolidated school districts. (H. B. 1106)
8. Validates proceedings of boards of education of certain non-high school districts and provides other administrative procedures to legalize the annexation, administration and financing of certain non-high school territory. (H. B. 1183, 1184, 1192 and 1193)
9. Provides that any district involved in a reorganization shall wait for a period of 1 year after final determination of such proceeding before another change can be made. (H. B. 1292)
10. Provides that where there is only one school building in an approved operating district the building and sites may not be included in any attachment proceedings unless petitioned by two-thirds of the eligible voters. (H. B. 1314)
11. Validates the organization of certain community unit school districts, election of the board of education, and proceedings of members. (H. B. 1366)
12. Extends the date to June 30, 1959, after which high schools must have an average of at least 60 pupils in order to claim State aid. (H. B. 944)

State Department

1. Appropriates \$93,500 to superintendent of public instruction for establishment and maintenance of a Division of Conservation education. (S. B. 652)
2. Provides for the establishment before January 1, 1958 of a research department staffed with full-time personnel under the supervision of the State superintendent of public instruction. Appropriates \$50,000 therefor. (H. B. 470 and 471)

3. Requires State superintendent to establish before January 1, 1958, an auditing department to consist of one qualified supervisor and 4 junior accountants as full-time persons to audit and spot check all claims for State moneys relative to schools. (H. B. 744)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Debt and Levy Limitation

1. Modifies debt limitation act and removes certain restrictions which apply to improvement of sites. (S. B. 109)

2. Provides for increasing the tax levy to not more than 1.25 percent in certain districts and not more than 2.00 percent in other districts for educational purposes. (S. B. 263)

3. Authorizes school districts to levy a tax to pay rental for occupancy of school buildings owned by the State of Illinois (accompanies H. B. 881). (H. B. 882)

4. Authorizes the Chicago Board to pass an additional or supplemental budget. (H. B. 1360)

5. Provides that for educational purposes any school board maintaining grades 1 through 12 may levy a tax not exceeding 1 percent without referendum. (H. B. 1400)

6. Provides that school districts maintaining grades 1 to 12 may call a special election and submit the proposition for tax rate increase for educational purposes from a minimum of 1 percent to a maximum of 2 percent. (S. B. 840)

Federal Funds

1. Provides that Federal funds for schools in National Forest areas be paid to and allocated by the Superintendent of Schools to the various districts. (H. B. 32)

Property Tax Equalization

1. Authorizes the county board of review to equalize assessments by use of assessment ratio particular to that district. (S. B. 446)

2. Provides that the valuation of certain taxable property shall be the full, fair cash value as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue. (S. B. 825)

State Aid

1. Prescribes formula for apportioning the common school fund by crediting full and part-time attendance and including kindergarten attendance. (H. B. 911)

Taxes

1. Increases tax levy from \$9 million to \$9,500,000 for 1958 and thereafter for teachers pension fund. (H. B. 647)

2. Provides that the school board in a district maintaining grades 1 to 8 or grades 9 to 12 may levy a tax at a rate not to exceed .65 percent for educational purposes and .1875 percent for building purposes. A district maintaining grades 1 to 12 may levy 1.25 percent for educational purposes and .25 percent for building purposes.

Also permits special charter districts and others to levy increased taxes except that districts maintaining grades 1 to 8 or 9 to 12 shall not increase in any single referendum more than .21 percent for educational purposes, and the maximum rate shall not exceed 1.40 percent. In districts maintaining grades 1 to 12 the rate may not be increased more than .40 percent at a single referendum and the maximum educational rate shall not exceed 2.50 percent. (H. B. 706)

3. Provides that any person objecting to real property tax shall pay 100 percent (instead of 75 percent) of the tax when filing objections. (H. B. 64)

4. Clarifies provisions regarding 1955-56 tax qualifying rate. (H. B. 86)

5. Eliminates the provisions that the board shall reduce the tax estimate by the amount of the unobligated balance. (H. B. 968)

6. Exempts from taxation personal property used by schools not operating for profit. Includes student residence halls and all buildings, lands, monies donated, granted or received. (H. B. 573)

HIGHER EDUCATION

Junior Colleges

1. Provides that districts are authorized to enter into agreements with other districts for the joint establishment, management and maintenance of junior colleges. (S. B. 248)

2. Provides for the establishment of a junior college in certain districts and for a levy of a tax therefor. (H. B. 813)

3. Increases State aid for pupils in junior colleges for the year 1956-57 and each school year thereafter from \$100 to \$200 for each resident pupil in attendance and appropriates \$4,300,000 for the biennium therefor. (H. B. 860)

State Universities

1. Changes name of Northern Illinois State Teachers College to Northern Illinois University. (S. B. 10 and S. B. 12)

2. Changes name of Eastern Illinois State College to Eastern Illinois University. (S. B. 582 and S. B. 588)

3. Changes name of Western Illinois State College to Western Illinois University. (S. B. 596 and S. B. 601)

PERSONNEL

Certification

1. Eliminates the requirement for kindergarten certificates. (S. B. 313)

2. Provides that the requirement of student teaching may be waived by State teachers certification board upon evidence of two years successful teaching under conditions. (S. B. 384)

3. Extends to July 1, 1959 the time a temporary provisional cer-

tificate may be issued and revised by the State teacher certification board. (S. B. 386)

4. Provides that the original application for teacher certificate shall cost \$2 and requests for duplicates shall cost \$2. (S. B. 846)

5. Provides that the Chicago board may employ substitute teachers on a daily basis on a temporary certificate on the condition that this person has previously been certified and has not attained age 70 and passes health examination. (H. B. 168)

6. Authorizes issuance of certificates for part-time teachers of junior college and adult education subjects. (H. B. 259)

Duties

1. Regulates duties of truant officers and requires each truant officer to give \$1,000 bond. (H. B. 138 and 1259)

2. Requires county judge of election to select qualified persons for board of review. (S. B. 768)

3. Permits Chicago Board to elect an assistant secretary to act in secretary's absence. (H. B. 168)

4. Provides that any public body or political subdivision awarding a contract for public works shall pay the prevailing wage rate. (H. B. 1257)

5. Removes certain provisions and authorizes boards to employ a registered professional nurse and defines her duties. (H. B. 909)

Elections

1. Provides procedure for nomination of candidates for members of the county board school trustees. (S. B. 311)

2. Amends procedures in official ballots and elections. (S. B. 468, 469, 471, and 474)

3. Provides that a candidate for board of education may withdraw his candidacy by filing written request 15 days prior to election. (S. B. 578)

4. Fixes second Saturday of April every two years for the election of school trustees and increases from 10 to 21 days prior to election the time for filing nominating petitions. (H. B. 35)

5. Amends code regarding election procedure and provides for recount under conditions. (H. B. 248)

6. Provides administrative changes in voting procedure in school elections. (H. B. 1042)

7. Provides that petitions nominating candidates for boards of education shall be signed by at least 200 voters. This applies in districts between 100,000 and 500,000 inhabitants. (H. B. 1064)

Leave

1. Increases sick leave privileges from 5 to 10 days with pay each year and permissible accumulated time from 15 to 30 days. (S. B. 428)

Retirement and Social Security

1. Permits retired teachers to accept temporary employment not in excess of 60 days in any school year without affecting their pension rights. (H. B. 647, H. B. 963, S. B. 815)
2. Prescribes that if a teacher continues in service until the end of school year during which he attains age 70 his contributions shall also continue. (H. B. 905)
3. Makes pension reciprocity optional with public employees and requires at least two years of service in one system for combining such credit. (H. B. 927)
4. Provides that time spent in substitute teaching may be allowed for credit toward longevity. (H. B. 1022)
5. Permits seasonal employees to be included in municipal employees' retirement act, and school treasurer to combine service for all school districts. (H. B. 1032)
6. Sets aside \$8,500,000 for each fiscal year for teachers retirement system out of a common school fund appropriation of \$227 million. (H. B. 1108)
7. Provides for municipalities and other subdivisions participating in the municipal retirement fund act to elect to be covered by the Federal Social Security Act. Makes other detailed changes. (H. B. 1178 and H. B. 1179)
8. Appropriates \$15,000 as State's contribution to certain members of teachers retirement system. (H. B. 1345)

Salaries

1. Revised minimum salary schedule as follows: less than bachelor's degree, \$3,200; under 20 semester hours plus bachelor's degree, \$3,400; and 150 or more semester hours plus master's degree, \$3,600.
2. Authorize at least 30 minutes lunch time for any teacher serving a minimum of 4 clock hours in any school day. (H. B. 468)

Surety Bonds

1. Requires the school treasurer to submit a surety bond covering proceeds of a bond issue to school boards or township trustees. (H. B. 34)

Travel Expenses

1. Appropriates \$40,800 to the State superintendent for expenses of county board of school trustees with a maximum of \$200 per annum to any county. (H. B. 835)

SCHOOL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION**Bond Issue**

1. Authorizes school boards in cities of over 500,000 to issue \$50 million in bonds with not more than 6 percent interest for school building purposes. (Subject to referendum.) (S. B. 22)
2. Authorizes boards of school inspectors to borrow money and to issue revenue bonds payable from

rentals or other revenue derived from lease of school property and provides for the issuance of bonds. (H. B. 1020)

Building Authority or Commission

1. Authorizes school district to lease any real or personal property from any public building commission for any school use for a period not to exceed 20 years. School districts are authorized to pay for the use in accordance with terms of the lease and without regard to any previous appropriation or provision in the budget. (S. B. 647 and H. B. 1105)

2. Creates school building commission authorized to acquire, construct, maintain, equip, complete, remodel, convey, lease or sell school building facilities to school districts for school purposes. Appropriates \$10 million to finance the building thereof and \$40,000 for administrative expenses. (H. B. 881)

Liquidated Funds

1. Provides that liquidated permanent township funds may be deposited in the educational or building fund. (S. B. 189)

Local Building Levy

1. Provides for gradual increases in Chicago school tax rates for building purposes from .19 percent in 1958, .21 percent in 1959, .23 percent in 1960, .25 percent in 1961 and each year thereafter, and for educational purposes from 1.80

percent in 1958, to 1.35 percent in 1959 and each year thereafter. (S. B. 383)

2. Authorizes school districts to lease school property to body politic and corporate for a term of not to exceed 3 years. (H. B. 843)

3. Validates election authorizing issuance of bonds increasing educational tax rate to constructing an addition to certain schools. (H. B. 1354)

Property and Sites

1. Permits boards of education to purchase school house sites without referendum. (S. B. 314 and 886)

2. Provides that district real estate or school buildings may be sold to the board without a referendum approving the sale. (S. B. 775)

Property Transfers

1. Provides school boards shall employ counsel and pay all expenses in exercising the right of eminent domain in Class 1 counties. (H. B. 598)

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Adult Education

1. Permits boards to charge tuition not to exceed the cost for adult education courses. (H. B. 531)

Appropriations

1. Appropriates \$7,800,000 to Superintendent of Public Instruc-

tion for special education reimbursement to school districts with an additional \$510,000 for administrative expenses. (H. B. 1172)

Automobile Driver Education

1. Authorizes school districts maintaining grades 9 through 12 to offer a driver education course to residents between 15 and 21 who hold a valid driver license regardless of whether such person is enrolled in school. State aid of \$30 per pupil is authorized for any student who has not repeated the course more than once. Increases the fee from \$1 to \$3 for original renewal of operators license and requires \$2 to be paid into the drivers education fund. Also raises the age from 14 to 15 years for a restricted instructors permit. (H. B. 622 and H. B. 623)

Blind and Deaf

1. Increases from \$750 to \$1,000 per annum the amount of assistance a board may grant to the higher education of the blind or deaf students. (H. B. 476)

Handicapped Children

1. Redefines and reclassifies the various types of handicapped children. Requires Superintendent of Public Instruction to approve facilities, prescribes method for determining a comprehensive per capita cost and requires district to pay per capita. Effective January 1, 1958. (H. B. 422)

2. Authorizes school boards to enter into joint agreement and administer with other boards to establish programs for handicapped children. (H. B. 423)

STUDENTS

Curriculum

1. Requires students to engage daily in physical education and health instruction in accordance with the needs of the individual at various age levels. (H. B. 912)

Physical Examinations

1. Requires physical examination of all pupils immediately prior to or upon entrance into kindergarten or the first grade and at least every four years thereafter. (H. B. 1119)

Recreational Facilities and Playgrounds

1. Authorizes city council without referendum upon demand and upon direction of the board to levy not exceeding .045 percent for playgrounds and playground purposes in connection with any school including salaries for teachers and other personnel. (H. B. 616)

Scholarships

1. Provides for the county superintendent of schools to hold examinations for University of Illinois scholarships on the last Friday in April annually. (S. B. 658)

2. Extends coverage of scholarships for teacher education to include graduation fees but excludes fees for books. Extends other time limits and qualifications for scholarships. (H. B. 467)

Textbooks

1. Increases from $2\frac{1}{2}$ cents to $3\frac{1}{4}$ cents, the tax which the Chicago Board is authorized to levy for the purpose of furnishing free textbooks. (S. B. 177)

Transportation

1. Provides for a new tax for transportation of pupils at a rate not to exceed .02 percent without referendum; may be increased up to .10 percent by referendum. Authorizes boards to transport pupils living less than $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. (H. B. 345)

2. Requires school buses to be equipped with visual signals and

lamps and other safety precautions. (H. B. 287 and H. B. 342)

3. Provides for construction and maintenance of permanently mounted crossing signals. (H. B. 545)

4. Requires bus signals to be actuated by the driver upon receiving or discharging children or when crossing a street or highway to board the bus. (H. B. 884)

Tuition

1. Provides that emancipated and self-supporting minors will be considered residents of the State for tuition purposes even if parents reside outside the State. (S. B. 439)

2. Directs State Superintendent of Public Instruction to require the auditor to pay semi-annually one-half the price of the annual tuition cost of school children in certain educational and other institutions. (H. B. 655)

INDIANA

ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

Bids and Contracts

1. Provides for the awarding of contracts for public works and requires good faith responsibility of bidders. (Ch. 210-H. B. 270)

Codification of School Law

1. Appropriates \$62,000 to complete the work and direct the Indiana Legislation Bureau and Indiana University to continue a study of public school laws and submit a codification of such laws by December 1, 1958. (Ch. 227-S. B. 299)

Property Transfer

1. Clarifies legislation permitting sale or exchange of real estate between municipalities or corporations. (Ch. 229-S. B. 377)

2. Provides for the exchange of property or conveying of real estate of any school corporation in a fifth-class city limits. (Ch. 249-S. B. 61)

School District Reorganization

1. Provides for the education of children upon annexation of territory and requires a transfer certificate to become effective the first semester of the next school year. (Ch. 112-S. B. 23)

2. Requires that school board members shall represent both counties in a consolidated school district in two counties. (Ch. 277-S. B. 355)

3. Provides for the consolidation of schools to form new school corporations and provides for the building of new school buildings and the issuance of bonds in payment thereof. (Ch. 294-H. B. 522)

4. Authorizes boards of trustees of consolidated school districts to either designate county superintendents from the district or to appoint a separate superintendent. (Ch. 260-S. B. 167)

5. Provides for school boards of fifth-class cities to maintain their school organization and authorizes the creation of certain school corporations. (Ch. 119-S. B. 168)

6. Authorizes the majority of taxpayers in school township to petition for abandonment of high school and requires the trustees to comply with the order and to send children to high schools elsewhere. (Ch. 156-H. B. 468)

7. Validates previous proceedings for the creation of a metropolitan district of the 1955 Assembly. (Ch. 186-S. B. 293)

8. Authorizes school townships to form a metropolitan school district and prescribes powers and duties of

officials in connection therewith. (Ch. 349-H. B. 330)

9. Legalizes acts pertaining to consolidation of two or more school corporations. (Ch. 89-H. B. 258)

School Elections

1. Modifies election procedure and provides penalties for violation therewith. (Ch. 235-H. B. 146)

Study Commissions

1. Provides for the appointment of a commission to conduct an inquiry in the training and licensing of public school teachers. (Ch. 379-H. C. R. 18)

2. Creates a legislative commission to study subversive activities in the State. (Ch. 366-S. C. R. 12)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Appropriations

1. Appropriates \$188,728,833 for the biennium. [This is an increase of \$32,574,433 over the last biennium.] (Ch. 285-H. B. 2)

Investment of Surplus

1. Authorizes investment of State Teachers Retirement Fund money in bonds issued by university and colleges. (Ch. 187-S. B. 294)

State Aid

1. Removes the 7 cents property tax and the 50 cents poll tax for

the requirements of the State school tuition fund and provides for the financing of the equal amount for the State General Fund. (Ch. 292-H. B. 207)

2. Amends acts pertaining to the State teachers retirement fund by repealing a State property tax and requiring that the money shall be taken from the general fund. (Ch. 293-H. B. 208)

Taxes

1. Regulates estimates and collections of tax levy. (Ch. 139-H. B. 232)

2. Increases from \$3.30 to \$3.65 the maximum total levy for the special school fund (tuition support). (Ch. 345-H. B. 262)

3. Prescribes the method of estimating tax collections on the basis of total collection over the prior three years. (Ch. 139-H. B. 232)

4. Provides that school fund revenue derived from intangible taxes are to be used at the place collected. (Ch. 77-H. B. 391)

5. Provides a 50 percent increase in State gross income tax for salary and wage earning employees. (Ch. 300-H. B. 418)

6. Provides for payroll withholding deduction of gross income tax. (Ch. 302-H. B. 461)

7. Authorizes county auditor to levy a fee of 50 cents for each mortgage exemption and to accept new bonds for civil township fund where a school township is abolished. (Ch. 307-S. B. 142)

PERSONNEL**Appointments**

1. Regulates board membership on boards of certain districts pertaining to joint consolidated high school buildings. (Ch. 42-H. B. 260)

Bargaining Rights

1. Gives workers rights to organize in local unions or associations. (Ch. 181-S. B. 251)

Certification

1. Provides for the appointment of a State commission to conduct an inquiry in the training and licensing of public school teachers. (Ch. 379-H. C., R. 18)

Duties

1. Provides that schools in second-class cities are to be regulated by boards appointed by the mayor with the approval of the city council and not more than three of the five members shall be from one political party. (Ch. 126-S. B. 103)

2. Incorporates and defines the powers and duties of the trustees of Evansville College. (Ch. 7-S. B. 4)

Employee Credit Union

1. Permits members of credit unions who have borrowed beyond

their paid-in stock value to become officers of such unions. (Ch. 101-H. B. 217)

2. Authorizes borrowers from credit unions to repay through payroll deductions all wage assignment, subject to consent of employee. (Ch. 38-H. B. 235)

3. Increases the amount that a member of the credit union may be permitted to borrow as an unsecured obligation. (Ch. 103-H. B. 268)

Group Insurance

1. Authorizes governing authorities of municipalities and school districts to contract for group insurance for their employees. Premiums may be collected through payroll deductions. (Ch. 296-H. B. 299)

Retirement Benefits

1. Provides for increase in retirement benefits for employees covered by the public employees retirement act. (Ch. 311-S. B. 233)

2. Provides groups of employees including public school teachers and those in State colleges with retirement, death, and withdrawal benefits. (Ch. 232-H. B. 108)

3. Increases retirement benefits from \$90 to \$95 per month. Prescribes that all salaries earned by a teacher up to \$7,200 a year shall be used as a basis for computing retirement benefits. (Ch. 219-S. B. 125)

Surety Bonds

1. Authorizes county auditors to issue new bonds for township trustees upon abolishing township schools when the new trustees take custody of funds. (Ch. 100-H. B. 185)

SCHOOL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION**Appropriations**

1. Appropriates \$2 million towards construction of a veterinary school at Purdue University. (Ch. 285-H. B. 2)

2. Appropriates \$4 million to the Veterinary Memorial Construction Fund as an emergency. (Ch. 285-H. B. 2)

Bond Issue

1. Legalizes all bond issues previously authorized for construction purposes. (Ch. 226-S. B. 291)

Leasing

1. Raises the maximum interest rate on private capital for the purpose of financing school building construction from 4 percent to 5 percent per annum. (Ch. 57-S. B. 1)

2. Provides a comprehensive program for the acquisition of sites, contracts, equipment, and financing of buildings for school purposes by corporations for profit, and the leasing thereof by school corporations. Provides for an option with a pur-

chase of over a 80-year period. (Ch. 275-S. B. 335)

Local Building Levy

1. Permits building funds to be used for construction, purchase of real estate, purchase of equipment, payment of rentals of lease, and for the levying of taxes. Authorizes officials to collect a levy of not to exceed \$1.25 on each \$100. of all personal and real property within the municipality. (Ch. 59-S. B. 92)

Municipal Corporations

1. Confers powers upon railroad board of town trustees to collect annual taxes not to exceed 30 cents on the \$100 valuation for the support of town schools and to provide schoolhouses as necessary for the use of towns. (Ch. 258-S. B. 164)

School Building Authority

1. Amends the State School Building Authority Law by giving the school corporation an option to purchase the property after 6 years from date of the lease for price equal to the amount required for liquidation. (Ch. 282-S. B. 409)

2. Adds a new section to the law pertaining to the Indiana common school fund building commission which prevents bond investments from being sold at less than face value. (Ch. 18-H. B. 57)

3. Authorizes school corporations to purchase land outside corporate boundaries of the city. This in-

cludes second, third, fourth, and fifth-class cities. (First-class was given this authority in 1955.) (Ch. 274-S. B. 334)

4. Establishes minimum school corporation in city of 85,000 to 130,000 population and in counties having three or more second-class cities. Provides for the method of selecting school trustees. (Ch. 328-H. B. 68)

State Aid

1. Transfers \$5 million World War II bonus fund to veterans memorial school construction fund. (Ch. 2-H. B. 81)

Validating Act

1. Validates all previous acts pertaining to purchase of property or payment for building construction. (Ch. 116-S. B. 67)

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Automobile Driver Training

1. Provides for the expansion of driver education programs, creates the driver education fund from State license fees and establishes a division in the State Department. (Ch. 175-S. B. 228)

2. Provides for driver educational permits to persons fifteen years of age at a cost of \$1.50. Requires all drivers to be reexamined after four years. (Ch. 305-S. B. 85)

3. Enacts concurrent resolution to Congress requesting that Con-

gress eliminate Federal excise tax on motor vehicles loaned by dealers to high schools for behind-the-wheel driver training. (Ch. 365-S. C. R. 9)

Curriculum

1. Provides for the granting of high school diplomas to qualified veterans on the basis of general educational development test and United States Air Force Institute test. (Ch. 199-H. B. 25)

Handicapped Children

1. Appropriates \$24,500 from the alcoholic beverage commission for the excess cost in creating a division of special education within the State Department for the handicapped children. (Ch. 317-S. B. 14)

Health Regulations

1. Requires that children and school officials report to the State Board of Health pertaining to immunization of children against smallpox, diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, and polio. (Ch. 107-H. B. 331)

Transportation

1. Authorizes school bus drivers to receive additional compensation for any extension of routes over the original contract. (Ch. 150-H. B. 384)

2. Excludes school buses from the Motor Carriers' Act. (Ch. 27-H. B. 61)

3. Requires school bus authorities to eliminate any additional equipment during period of contract (Ch. 13-H. B. 24)

4. Regulates the use of safety devices of school buses and provides for the discipline of children being transported. Requires all school buses to stop on the travel portion of the highway in unloading and loading passengers. (Ch. 200-H. B. 43)

Tuition

1. Provides that tuition of pupils transferred from one school corporation to another may be raised to meet the increased school building cost. (Ch. 191-S. B. 320)

Vocational Education

1. Authorizes school corporations to contract labor employees for providing vocational education to pupils under a school-directed vocational educational program. (Ch. 269-S. B. 225)

STUDENTS

Voting Rights

1. Authorizes wives of college students to vote in the precinct of their residence along with the student while he is in school. (Ch. 66-H. B. 44)

IOWA

ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

Fire Prevention

1. Provides for purchase of fire equipment and authorizes fire drill procedures and inspections in the public and private schools. Requires establishment of standards approved by the Underwriters' Laboratories. (Ch. 100)

Records

1. Requires county board members to publish annually in the official county newspaper a list of the claims and paid bills with the name of each individual receiving payment, the amount thereof and the reason therefor. (Ch. 278)

School District Reorganization

1. Provides regulations governing major reorganization and planning of school districts, and requires that all areas of the State not in a high school district by July 1962 shall be attached to the county Board of Education. Further provides for the payment of taxes in the event of such attachment. Changes voting and election procedure in district reorganization. (Ch. 275)

2. Prescribes for the election of directors of newly organized dis-

tricts by electing to one, two, and three-year terms in the first election. (Ch. 277)

Segregation and Desegregation

1. Authorizes board of directors to designate a high or elementary school outside the district for the attendance of students when such students are nearer schools outside the district. (Ch. 282)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Budget Protests

1. Authorizes tax paying citizens of any municipality to protest budget expenditures, and prescribes provisions for filing such protests. (Ch. 24)

State Aid

1. Revises the junior college aid formula to provide for State aid to junior college students on the basis of \$1 per student per day, 20 cents per day for high school, and 17 cents per day for elementary school. (Ch. 286 A-3 and 4)

Taxes

1. Requires high school districts to assess a 15 mill levy, or \$170 per high school student, and elementary districts to assess a 10 mill levy, or

\$120 per elementary school students. (Ch. 286)

2. Permits boards to levy a tax of not less than $\frac{1}{4}$ nor more than $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mill on the total assessed valuation of all taxable property within the county. [Substitutes "may" for "shall" from original enactment.] (Ch. 298)

HIGHER EDUCATION

Junior Colleges

1. Increases junior college State aid from 25 cents per pupil per day to \$1 per pupil per day, or a total of \$14,610,000 for general aid for the next biennium. (H. F. 595)

PERSONNEL

Employment and Appointment

1. Authorizes county boards of two or more counties, upon mutual agreement, to appoint a superintendent and other employees to officiate in these counties. (Ch. 278)

2. Requires school boards to award contracts to rural teachers only when it is apparent that the average daily attendance will be above 8, and only when there are parents of 10 or more children in the district. This becomes effective during 1958-59 school year, and provides penalties for violation. (Ch. 279)

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Handicapped Children

1. Increases from \$675,000 to \$800,000 for the next biennium the amount of State aid for handicapped children. (H. F. 595)

STUDENTS

Transportation

1. Authorizes suspension of transportation under certain hazardous conditions, and at any time when schools are closed. (Ch. 285)

KANSAS

ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

Associations

1. Divides the State into six districts relating to the Kansas High School Activities Association; prescribes for a 30-member board of directors, and prescribes method of financial reporting and other activities. (H. B. 437)

Public Records

1. Requires all official public records of school districts to be open to public inspection unless specifically closed by law. (H. B. 284)

School District Reorganization

1. Prescribes for the annexation of a territory of a school district, rural high school district, or non-high territory to the city. (H. B. 63)

2. Permits counties to carry out planning and zoning. (H. B. 107)

3. Authorizes a rural high school not used for 4 years to donate buildings to the common school district. (H. B. 271)

4. Provides for districts of first and second class to enter into agreement to transport and educate pupils in nonannexed territories. (H. B. 302)

5. Prescribes procedure for annexation of territories to a first or second class school district and prescribes methods of assuming the bonded indebtedness. (H. B. 472)

6. Authorizes cooperation in urban planning by city, county, and other public agencies. (S. B. 11)

7. Permits interlocal cooperation of any Governmental units, including school districts, in matters relating to public improvement, public utilities, or fire protection. (H. B. 17)

State Department

1. Creates a surplus property section within the State Department of Administration for acquisition and distribution of such property to tax-supported institutions. (S. B. 317)

2. Reorganizes the State Department of Revenue and Taxation creating a department of revenue under a director, a board of tax appeals, and a property valuation department. (S. B. 407)

Study Commissions

1. Enacts Senate concurrent resolution directing the Kansas Legislative Council to make a study, survey, report, and recommendations regarding the State educational

system, beginning with kindergarten and extending toward college or university. (S. C. R. 25)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Bond Issue

1. Adds library and on-campus parking to the items for which colleges and universities may issue revenue bonds. (H. B. 185)

2. Requires boards of many common or rural high school districts to register bonds with the county clerk before they are issued. (H. B. 417)

3. Requires the purchaser of bonds of a common or rural high school district to make payment for such bonds to the county treasurer. (H. B. 474)

4. Authorizes newly formed rural high schools to issue up to \$50,000 in no-fund warrants. (S. B. 106)

County High School Fund

1. Prescribes formula for the General High School Fund based on per pupil average daily attendance for the year as follows: \$240 for the first 100; \$200 for the next 100; \$170 for the next 100; \$145 for the next 100; and \$120 for more than 400. (H. B. 407)

Federal Funds

1. Authorizes the State Department to receive reimbursements from the Federal Government for approved research in the education

of educable mentally retarded children. (S. B. 815)

2. Designates the State Department as the State educational agency through which applications, reports, and agreements and Federal funds are to be channeled. (S. B. 869)

General Appropriations

1. Appropriates to the State Board of Regents for salaries and wages, scholarships for the blind, and other operating expenditures. (H. B. 574)

2. Appropriates for various State educational agencies and activities, including \$18,000,000 to the State school finance fund, with additional education for teachers retirement features. (S. B. 419)

3. Makes additional appropriations to State Board of Regents for operating expenses. (S. B. 435)

4. Authorizes for operational cost at State educational institutions a total of \$22,251,780. (S. B. 427)

State Aid

1. Repeals an obsolete statute relating to the distribution of State school funds. (H. B. 457 and S. B. 364)

2. Changes method and date of distribution of State aid for the education of mentally handicapped children. (S. B. 365)

3. Authorizes State superintendents to consider the impact of increased enrollments in applying the

limitation of State elementary aid based on the previous year's expenditures. (S. B. 412)

Taxes

1. Increases the general fund maximum levy limits of all common school districts to 10 mills and 18 mills if a high school is maintained. (H. B. 267)
2. Increases from 4 to 5 mills the county equalization levy on non-high territories. Raises present average daily attendance from \$100 to \$125 for high schools. (H. B. 293)
3. Increases the general fund levy limit of boards of education of cities of the second-class to 25 mills and increases the high school extension levy limit to 5 mills. (H. B. 328)
4. Provides for tax levy of the receiving district where changes are made in the boundary between March 1 and May 31. (H. B. 431)
5. Provides for a county levy of not to exceed 1.5 mills for junior colleges after elections in cities of the first class. (H. B. 521)
6. Increases the general fund levy limit for rural high school to 8 mills. (S. B. 36)
7. Increases the maximum levy of first-class city districts to 80 mills. (S. B. 10)
8. Provides that any State ad valorem tax levy shall not exceed any limitations fixed by the legislature in the law providing and levying a tax upon all taxable property in the State. (S. B. 255)
9. Increases the levy limits for municipal universities from 4 mills to 5 mills. (S. B. 311)
10. Allocates proceeds of sales tax fund to various State agencies. (S. B. 442)
11. Clarifies terminology and dates relating to distribution of assets, budgets, and tax levy in first- or second-class city districts. (H. B. 356)
12. Extends the 2 percent sales tax to cover hospitals, high school sales, motor vehicles, and materials used by contractors on property construction for the State or any political subdivision, or for educational, religious, benevolent, or charitable institution. (S. B. 183)
13. Increases from 2 percent to 3 percent the State income tax rate on corporations and increases individual income tax as follows: \$5,000 to \$7,000 bracket from 3 percent to 3½ percent; over \$7,000 bracket from 4 percent to 5 percent. (S. B. 187)
14. Increases the cigarette tax from 3 percent to 4 percent by prohibiting and reducing wholesalers stamp tax from 8 percent to 5 percent. (S. B. 188)

HIGHER EDUCATION

Junior Colleges

1. Provides that a county may hold elections to levy not to exceed 1.5 mills for junior college purposes in cities of first class. (H. B. 521)
2. Provides for a payment of tuition from the county high school

fund for junior college students attending college in an adjoining county. (S. B. 217)

exceed 60 days in any school year without loss of retirement annuity. (S. B. 123)

State Colleges and Universities

1. Authorizes "campus police" at the five State colleges and Kansas University Medical Center. (S. B. 249)

2. Permits the Board of Regents to make rules and regulations regarding parking. (S. B. 250)

3. Authorizes the Board of Regents to sell temporary buildings and use the space for parking facilities. (S. B. 251)

4. Authorizes the Board of Regents to sell land at Kansas University for fraternity house addition. (S. B. 275)

PERSONNEL

Boards and Officers

1. Permits administrative heads to certify claims for salaries or wages of school board employees. (H. B. 64)

Salaries

1. Increases salaries for county officials by 20 percent in addition to the salary fixed by statute. (H. B. 530)

Substitute Teaching

1. Permits retired teachers to serve as substitute teachers not to

SCHOOL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

Codes for Construction

1. Provides that new or remodeled school buildings shall comply with the 1955 building codes. (S. B. 155)

Joint Building Contracts

1. Prescribes a method for cancellation of a joint agreement in school building construction contracts between a common and high school district. (H. B. 473)

Sites

1. Permits boards of first- and second-class cities to acquire land for school district boundary. (H. B. 299)

2. Permits common school, rural high school, and community high school districts to acquire housing for teachers and validates such prior action by school districts. (H. B. 305)

State Aid

1. Appropriates for school building construction at higher educational institutes as follows: Fort Hays KSC, \$300,000; KSC Manhattan, \$2,059,000; KSTC Em-

poria, \$617,000; KSTC Pittsburg, \$186,000; School for the Blind, Kansas City, \$76,000; School for the Deaf, Olathe, \$185,000; University of Kansas, Lawrence, \$2,052,000; KU Medical Center, Kansas City, \$125,000; total, \$5,550,000. (S. B. 422)

2. Appropriates \$10,000 to the Board of Regents to purchase land at Olathe for the School for the Deaf. (S. B. 432)

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Mentally Retarded

1. Authorizes the State department to receive reimbursement from the Federal Government for approved research in the special education of educable mentally retarded children. (S. B. 315)

STUDENTS

Employment

1. Places student employees in unclassified civil service positions under the Board of Regents. (S. B. 93)

Libraries

1. Authorizes the Travel Library Commission to establish area or branch offices for facilitating rural library services. (S. B. 366)

School Census

1. Modifies school census procedure to include all children of the district from birth to age 5 as well as those between ages 5 and 21. (S. B. 367 and 370)

Schoolday Month

1. Defines a school month as four weeks of five days each and a school day as six hours. Provides that all legal holidays may be counted as part of a school month. (H. B. 458)

Segregation and Desegregation

1. Repeals an obsolete statute relating to separate schools. (S. B. 337)

Textbooks

1. Provides for a 15-member screening committee for the selection of textbooks for the State. Replaces present system of selecting textbooks. (H. B. 443)

Transportation

1. Prescribes school bus standards, requiring all seats to face forward and be securely fastened. (H. B. 176)

2. Requires turn indicators on new motor vehicles sold after December 1, 1951. (H. B. 348)

3. Repeals an obsolete section relating to school transportation in city of a second class. (S. B. 376)

LOUISIANA

ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

District Financial Liability Law

1. Authorizes a parent of Caddo Parish to sue the local school board for damages to his daughter resulting from negligence in the operation of a school bus. (Act 24, H. B. 100)

2. Authorizes parent to sue local school board for damages sustained by his daughter resulting from negligence by personnel. (Act 37, H. B. 164)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

State Aid

1. Increases the amount of State aid per educable for the 1957-58 school year over the previous year by \$1,460,635 and for teachers' salaries \$6,568,636 over the same period. The total increase of the 1957-58 budget over the previous year amounted to \$9,529,830.68. (Act 2, H. B. 45. *et al.*)

2. Transfers 17½ percent of the proceeds of the sales tax in the public welfare fund with a surplus of \$15,000 to the State board to supplement special teachers' salaries, bus drivers and other employees salaries. (Act 23, H. B. 89)

PERSONNEL

Income Tax Deductions

1. Authorizes credit for educational expenses of dependents for State income tax deductions purposes. (Act 35, H. B. 161)

Retirement

1. Modifies the retirement law to make certain retired teachers eligible for supplementary benefits who were otherwise ineligible and prescribes procedure for filing for benefits. (Act 8, S. B. 10)

2. Provides monthly supplementary allowances to teachers whose allowances is less than \$160 per month. The minimum provided under this act is \$50 per month. (Act 27, H. B. 107)

3. Provides for an increase in the supplementary benefits based on years of accredited service for each beneficiary of the act whose total allowances is less than \$200 a month. (Act 46, H. B. 195)

Salaries

1. Transfers \$5,333,333.34 out of the property tax relief fund for 1956-57 to supplement payment of teachers' salaries and public school employees in accordance with Constitutional Amendment No. 49. (Act 28, H. B. 112)

**SCHOOL BUILDING
CONSTRUCTION****State Aid**

1. Appropriates \$50,000 for and modifies a 1956 provision relative to school building in the Westside Area Trade School. Provides for erecting and equipping a school building. (Act 22, H. B. 88)

2. Extends to June 30, 1958 the date for using funds appropriated

under a 1956 Act to construct and equip an auditorium at the Huey P. Long Trade School. (Act 40, H. B. 173)

3. Appropriates \$150,000 out of the general state fund to the Louisiana State Board of Education to be used to purchase land and construct buildings for the use of T. H. Harris Trade School. (Act 49, H. B. 29)

MAINE

ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

Education Commissions

1. Establishes a school district commission to assist in the development of efficient administrative districts, and appropriates \$30,000 per year therefor. (Ch. 364)

2. Authorizes the governor to create a permanent advisory committee on education to report findings and recommendations to the governor, department, and the legislature, and appropriates \$2,000 therefor. (Ch. 160)

Eminent Domain

1. Provides for appeal to the superior court of the county of any land owner who has been deprived of his property for school purposes through the process of eminent domain. (Ch. 342)

Obsolete Laws

1. Repeals obsolete laws relating to industrial and mechanical training schools. (Ch. 168)

School Committee

1. Authorizes the trustees of a district to determine the number of members on a community school committee. (Ch. 170)

School District Reorganization

1. Provides 10 percent State aid for newly reorganized districts in addition to the amount they would otherwise be entitled. (Ch. 364)

2. Prescribes for grouping of towns into unions for supervisory purposes and prescribes for employment of superintendents on a teacher per capita basis. (Ch. 364)

State Board of Education

1. Prescribes for new terms of office and membership on the State Board of Education. (Ch. 289)

2. Prescribes additional duties for State board in regard to practical nurses' training program. (Ch. 36)

State Department of Education

1. Removes limitations as to number and area of responsibilities of State Department of Education supervisors. (Ch. 17)

2. Increases the salaries of department heads and members of commissions; also increases the maximum salary of the State Commissioner of Education from \$10,000 to \$11,250. (Ch. 418)

3. Designates the department as the official State agency for the distribution of surplus property. (Ch. 181)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT**Foundation Program**

1. Expenditures for tuition, transportation, and board are added to the foundation program allowance and the law attempts to encourage consolidation. (Ch. 364)

2. Funds for capital outlay cannot exceed 71.2 percent of the State valuation and must be approved by the qualified voters. Leases with the Maine School Building Authority are not considered as debts or liabilities under this law. (Ch. 364)

State Aid

1. Appropriates \$40,000 for the next biennium to be distributed to institutions of higher education on the basis of \$2,500 and \$1,500 respectively, for medical and dental students. (Ch. 155)

2. Amends general subsidy law in regard to apportionment of State monies for tax exempt school children. (Ch. 350)

HIGHER EDUCATION**Medical and Dental Education**

1. Appropriates to the New England Board of Higher Education the sum of \$40,000 for the next biennium for the promotion of medical and dental education. (Ch. 155)

Portland Junior College

1. Transferred the assets and control of Portland Junior College to the University of Maine to be operated as an integral part of the University of Maine in Portland. (Ch. 176)

Ricker College

1. Authorized Aroostook County to transfer \$10,000 each year to the trustees of Ricker College for general operations. (Ch. 175)

Right to Grant Degrees

1. Limits the term "college, junior college, and university" as applicable only to those institutions that have been given the right to grant appropriate degrees. (Ch. 141)

PERSONNEL**Retirement**

1. Increases pensions for teachers who have retired under the old pension plan by \$250 per year for all members. Those with 35 years of service now receive \$1,250; 30 to 35 years of service \$1,150; and 25 to 30 years of service \$1,050. (Ch. 420)

2. Provides that teachers, with a minimum of 15 years creditable service, who began teaching prior to July 1, 1924, may be granted retirement benefits based on compensation for the five best years of service. (Ch. 156)

3. Provides additional annuities for those retired teachers who returned to service after July 1, 1947. (Ch. 130)

4. Includes additional members to receive survivor benefits under the Maine State Retirement Law. Adds child care and occupational death benefits to certain members. (Ch. 367)

5. Widens the scope of the definition of public school to include teachers of certain academies as members. (Ch. 348)

6. Provides that no credit toward retirement or other benefits shall accrue beyond the period of the first enlistment in the armed services unless that person is required to remain in or return to the service. (Ch. 26)

Salaries

1. The foundation program provides for teachers' salaries increases on the basis of professional qualifications as follows: Master's Degree, \$800 to a maximum of \$4,200; Bachelor's Degree, \$600 to maximum of \$4,000; three-year professional, \$600 to maximum of \$3,600; teachers with less than three years preparation, \$600 to a maximum of \$3,200. (Ch. 364)

SCHOOL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

Maine Building Authority.

1. Reduces from \$100,000 to \$50,000 the amount of money available

to the Authority to assist needy towns to provide minimum school facilities. (Ch. 185)

2. Increases membership of the Maine School Building Authority by one member, making the total eight. (Ch. 362)

3. Amends the law relating to advanced subsidy payments in regard to date of payment. (Ch. 300)

Planning

1. Expands the duties of the Bureau of Public Improvements to include that of advising municipalities in connection with plans for school construction. (Ch. 340)

State Aid

1. Provides for State aid for school construction through the Maine School Building Authority to towns which are unable to provide minimum school facilities. Appropriates \$250,000 therefor for the next biennium. (Ch. 364)

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Automobile Driver Training

1. Provides special subsidies to municipalities and school districts on the basis of \$10 for each pupil satisfactorily completing a course in driver education. (Ch. 142)

2. Authorizes the State Department of Education to purchase a motor vehicle for transportation of testing equipment in driver education. (Ch. 301)

Conservation Education

1. Appropriates \$500 annually for the training of pupils in conservation education. (Ch. 65)

Mentally Retarded

1. Reactivates a committee on the problems of the mentally retarded and appropriates \$1,800 to implement the study. (Ch. 180)

2. Appropriates \$8,000 for the next biennium for the education of teachers who are preparing to teach mentally retarded children. This money is to be expended on a matching basis with local funds. (Ch. 368)

Practical Nursing

1. Authorizes State Board to establish and operate State schools for practical nursing. (Ch. 36)

Training of Firemen

1. Provides firemen education and training to members of fire departments through the vocational division; it appropriates \$42,500 therefor for the next biennium. (Ch. 166)

STUDENTS**Curriculum**

1. Designates October 15 as Poetry Day and recommends that schools give recognition to famous Maine poets. (Ch. 66)

Scholarships

1. Increases from \$180 to \$353 per year the amount a town may pay for the board of coastal islands pupils who attend school on the mainland. (Ch. 377)

School Lunches

1. Amends the school lunch law so that the State may continue to receive assistance from the Federal Government for the special milk program. (Ch. 24)

2. Provides that only pasteurized milk may be sold to any school lunch program. (Ch. 307)

Transportation

1. Reduces the height of letters on school bus signs from 8 to 4 inches. (Ch. 244)

MARYLAND

ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

State Department

1. Recommends that the State department of education strengthen its central recruiting effort for new teachers. (S. J. R. 5)

Study Commissions

1. Requests the legislative council to study the needs of the public school system of the State for new and expanded school facilities. (S. R. 82)

2. Requests the governor to refer to the commission on higher education a restudy of State aid to

education beyond the secondary school level. (H. R. 56)

Use of Public School Facilities

1. Provides that public school facilities may be used for public meetings, partisan political meetings and campaign programs and for other purposes incident to a political campaign for the nomination or election to public office. (S. B. 8)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Bond Issues

1. Approved the following local authorizations for bond issues:

County	Amount	Bill
Allegany.....	\$1,200,000	H. B. 484
Anne Arundel.....	10,000,000	H. B. 903
Baltimore City.....	5,000,000	H. B. 39
Calvert.....	2,000,000	H. B. 611
Caroline.....	3,000,000	S. B. 663
Cecil.....	4,000,000	H. B. 695
Charles.....	1,500,000	H. B. 927
Frederick.....	4,000,000	S. B. 435
Harford.....	1,500,000	S. B. 248
Howard.....	1,500,000	S. B. 373
Prince George's.....	15,000,000	H. B. 616
Talbot.....	1,200,000	H. B. 698
Wicomico.....	900,000	S. B. 622

Investment of Surplus Funds

1. Requests that the funds of the State retirement systems be invested in public school building bonds of the counties and Baltimore City. (S. J. R. 18)

HIGHER EDUCATION

Maryland Institute

1. Enacts a new charter for the Maryland Institute which recognizes the Institute's growth in the field of fine arts. (Ch. 381)

State Teachers College

1. Repeals Joint Resolution 12 of 1955, which directed the board of public works to use land at Coppin State Teachers College for an armory site. (J. R. 39)

of July 1, 1956, to continue in service or be restored to their teacher positions after they reach age 70 and until they have served 6 calendar quarters or long enough to qualify for minimum social security benefits. (H. B. 622)

PERSONNEL

Meritorious Service Awards

1. Requests the State department of education and local boards to study possibilities of giving formal recognition to meritorious service performed by public school teachers. Suggests the creation of a "master teacher" position at a somewhat higher scale of pay. (S. J. R. 7)

2. Requests a thorough study of the three State teacher retirement systems. (S. J. R. 17)

3. Authorizes county commissioners of the several counties to pay to any retired school teacher of their county who is receiving aggregate benefits of less than \$125 per month (formerly \$100) an additional sum not to exceed \$50 (formerly \$25) per month. Monthly benefits are not to exceed \$125. (Ch. 491)

4. Clarifies provisions of Sec. 114 (b) of Art. 77 in reference to its applicability. (Ch. 36)

Retirement and Social Security

1. Permits teachers who were otherwise eligible for retirement as

5. Approved supplementary pensions as follows:

County	Amount	Bill
Anne Arundel.....	\$125	S. B. 158
Caroline.....	125	H. B. 492
Cecil.....	125	H. B. 492
Charles.....	115	H. B. 479
Garrett.....	1,200	S. B. 639
Harford.....	125	S. B. 826
Kent.....	125	S. B. 93
Washington.....	180	H. B. 128

¹ Per year.

University of Maryland

1. Requests the State department of education and the University of Maryland to study the possibility of a program of teacher training for liberal arts graduates of the University. (S. J. R. 6)

SCHOOL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

Contracts

1. Requires that any contract for a school building costing in excess of \$1,000, must be made to the lowest

responsible bidder with consideration being given to quantities, time required for delivery, competency, and responsibility of the bidder and his ability to render satisfactory service. (H. B. 33)

State Aid

1. Authorizes the creation of a State debt of \$16,806,100 to construct buildings at State teachers colleges as follows: Bowie, \$320,000; Frostburg, \$719,000; Salisbury, \$201,000; Towson, \$856,500; Coppin, \$543,000. (H. B. 156)

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Automobile Driver Training

1. Provides that the Commission of Motor Vehicles shall license and regulate all driver training schools in the State. (H. B. 12)

Exceptional Children

1. Provides for a study of a means of accelerating educational programs for superior students commensurate with their ability to learn. (S. R. 34)

2. Provides that a census for preschool and school age handicapped

children shall be included in the regular school census of children under 18 years of age. (Ch. 39)

3. Provides for a special appropriation of not less than \$250,000 to be placed in the State budget for the special education of handicapped children under 6 years of age. [Legislature failed to appropriate funds]. (Ch. 38)

4. Requests the State Department of Education to make a survey of the potential development of a program for the preschool education of handicapped children over the next 5-year period. (H. J. R. 6)

STUDENTS

Scholarships

1. Permits undergraduate students in certain of the Baltimore City schools to be considered as undergraduates at College Park for the purpose of being eligible for scholarships provided in Sec. 258 of Art. 77. (Ch. 244)

Transportation

1. Increases the maximum permissible speed of school buses from 35 to 45 miles per hour. (H. B. 508)

MASSACHUSETTS

ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

Countersigning of Bonds or Notes

1. Relates to the countersigning of bonds or notes of regional school districts. (Ch. 262)

Public Records

1. Requires school officials to permit teachers to inspect records kept concerning themselves or their work. (Ch. 195)

2. Permits the school committee to require the register of daily attendance to be kept under the direction of the superintendent. (Ch. 290)

School District Reorganization

1. Clarifies the law relative to the question to be submitted to the voters for the establishment of a regional school district. (Ch. 58)

2. Provides that the use of land for educational purposes other than religious, sectarian, denominational or public educational purposes may be prohibited or limited by a zoning ordinance or by law. (Ch. 145)

Study Commissions

1. A resolution reviving and continuing the special commission

established to make an investigation and study relative to retarded children and training facilities available for them. (Ch. 56)

2. A resolution providing for an investigation and study by the Youth Service Board relative to the appointment of school adjustment counselors. (Ch. 97)

3. A resolution reviving and continuing the special commission relative to junior or community colleges. (Ch. 118)

4. A resolution establishing an unpaid special commission to study and investigate the law relating to certain features of juvenile delinquency. (Ch. 55)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

State Aid

1. Provides that the Commonwealth reimburse regional school districts toward the maintenance of certain vocational educational schools. (Ch. 496)

HIGHER EDUCATION

Colleges and Universities

1. Changes the names of Bradford, Durfee, technical institutions of Fall River and the New Bedford Institute of Textiles and Technology to Bradford-Durfee College of

Technology and New Bedford Institute of Technology and authorizes these institutions additional authority to grant degrees in the scientific field. (Ch. 347)

2. Authorizes the Board of Trustees of the New Bedford Institute of Technology to establish and manage the research foundation. (Ch. 409)

3. Authorizes Board of Trustees of the New Bedford Institute of Technology to grant such honorary doctorates as they may determine. (Ch. 410)

4. Relates to the holding of property by the University of Massachusetts Building Association and the leasing of land to said corporation. (Ch. 517)

5. Authorizes the conveyance of certain lands under the jurisdiction of the trustees of the University of Massachusetts to the county of Middlesex. (Ch. 538)

Community College

1. Provides that the State Department of Education may grant the degree of Associate in Science to persons completing the required course of instruction in a community college. (Ch. 309)

Franklin Foundation

1. Authorizes the Franklin Foundation, with the approval of the Board of Collegiate Authority, to grant certain degrees in science and engineering. (Ch. 119)

Medical Schools

1. Provides for the examination and registration of graduates of foreign medical schools (other than the United States and Canada) who are applicants for registration as physicians. (Ch. 329)

PERSONNEL

Civil Service

1. Places building custodians and their supervisors under the State Civil Service laws. (Ch. 142)

Group Insurance

1. Provides for representation of organizations of employees in municipalities in the purchase of group insurance. (Ch. 242)

Retirement

1. Provides for monthly payments of certain municipal pensions for teachers. (Ch. 59)

2. Provides for employment of retired teachers as substitute teachers, with maximum earnings up to \$1,000 per year, without loss of pension rights. (Ch. 291)

3. Permits members who are within 6 months of age 60 to retire under certain conditions. (Ch. 466)

4. Redefines "teacher" to include school psychologist, psychiatrist, and advancement counselors for purposes of membership in the teacher's retirement system. (Ch. 516)

5. Provides that certain provisions of the contributory retirement law relating to the maximum age for employment be made retroactive. (Ch. 664)

6. Simplifies the new retirement formula for public employees. (Ch. 661)

Salaries

1. Provides that salaries of employees of the school committee of the city of Boston may be fixed by the committee, but that salaries established at the commencement of the school year shall not be increased during such year. (Ch. 346)

2. Extends the time within which certain employees may appeal ratings under the general salary plan of the state. (Ch. 366)

3. Provides for a higher minimum salary of not less than \$3,300 for school year for public school teacher. (Ch. 447)

Tenure

1. Provides for the reimbursement of certain permanent public employees for expenses incurred in defending themselves against removal proceedings. (Ch. 569)

SCHOOL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

State Aid

1. Provides that many cities, towns, or regional school districts

may apply to the commission for a school district grant to meet in part the cost of an approved school project. (Ch. 322)

2. Regulates the time of certification by the school building assistance commission of the amounts due cities, towns, and districts as school construction grants. (Ch. 358)

3. Makes the counties of Bristol, Essex, and Norfolk eligible for State school construction grants for certain agriculture schools. (Ch. 703)

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Agriculture

1. Authorizes the county commissioner of Norfolk County to place funds in the postwar rehabilitation fund for the payment of a loan for work at the Norfolk county agricultural school. (Ch. 281)

2. Provides for the examination and registration of graduates of foreign schools who are applicants for registration as veterinarians. (Ch. 492)

3. Provides for the establishment of forest or farm school camps for the rehabilitation of children committed to the Youth Service Board. (Ch. 532)

Deaf, Blind, and Aphasie

1. Provides for reimbursement to cities and regional districts for the cost of special day classes for deaf

pupils in public schools and for extra compensation paid to teachers of such classes at the Horace Mann School for the Deaf. (Ch. 615)

2. Provides for the payment of an annual grant to certain blind persons employed in the workshop for the training and employment of the blind upon being relieved of such employment. (Ch. 669)

3. Provides for the education of blind, deaf, and aphasic pupils. (Ch. 582)

Educational Television

1. Provides that cities and towns may contribute to the financing of educational television programs from appropriated funds for such purposes in an amount not to exceed \$1 per pupil enrolled in public, elementary, and high school. (Ch. 709)

Mentally Retarded

1. Provides for the establishment of day occupational programs in the public school system for mentally retarded children (Ch. 584)

2. Provides for the establishment of community clinics for retarded children of preschool age. (Ch. 608)

3. Provides for the establishment of day occupational training programs at certain State schools for retarded children in residence therein. (Ch. 584)

Nursing Education

1. Relates to examination of certain persons for license in practical nursing. (Ch. 539)

2. Regulates the practice of nursing. (Ch. 595)

3. Authorizes the establishment of rural or district practical nurse training schools and provides for contributions toward the cost thereof. (Ch. 599)

STUDENTS

Curriculum

1. Designates month of February as American history month and provides for the proper observation thereof. (Ch. 44)

Juvenile Delinquency

1. Provides that girls committed as truants, absentees, or school offenders in Middlesex County may be committed to the custody of the Youth Service Board. (Ch. 565)

Scholarships

1. Authorizes the City of New Bedford to provide annually from tax funds five 4-year scholarships to the New Bedford Institute of Technology. (Ch. 384)

2. Authorizes the Commonwealth to reimburse the daughter of a veteran for certain expenses incurred in an acquired high school education. (Ch. 490)

3. Establishes the Commonwealth scholarship program by providing for a Board of Educational Assistance consisting of the Commissioner of Education and presidents of colleges for the purpose of granting scholarships in institutions of higher learning. (Ch. 690)

4. Establishes the medical, dental and nursing scholarship board consisting of such members appointed by the Governor and delegates administrative authority thereto. (Ch. 691)

5. Provides for the granting of certain scholarships to students at

the State Teachers College at Fitchburg in preparation for teachers of mentally retarded children. (Ch. 692)

Veterans Benefits

1. Extends to July 1, 1959, the date of termination of an action to meet certain contingencies in connection with veterans benefits. (Ch. 551)

2. Regulates veterans benefits in regard to retirement option of the surviving spouse. (Ch. 113)

MICHIGAN

ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

Nonpublic Schools

1. Requires that representatives of private trade or business schools annually secure a solicitor's permit from the State board. (P. A. 21)

School District Reorganization

1. Provides that annexation of two or more districts may be accomplished by concurrent proceedings and prescribes for elections in connection therewith. (P. A. 9)

2. Requires districts of the fourth class under 600 population to hold school meetings rather than elections. (P. A. 88)

3. Requires the annexed school districts to approve an increase in the limit on taxes for the same amounts, purposes, and years as effective in annexing districts. (P. A. 105)

State Boards

1. Changes the membership of the State board of equalization and requires the Governor to appoint members with knowledge of rural and urban assessing practices. (P. A. 30)

2. Authorizes State boards to regulate traffic on campuses. (P. A. 201)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Bond Issues

1. Provides that when bonded indebtedness is retired ahead of schedule, the extra voted tax shall be discontinued. (P. A. 55)

State Aid

1. Appropriates from the school aid fund for State schools as follows: Source of funds— $\frac{2}{3}$ of sales tax collection plus 4 percent tax on spirits and 2 cents per pack on cigarettes; special county districts—\$850,000 with minimum guarantee equal to 1955-56 plus 10 percent; vocational education—\$700,000; adult education—\$200,000; distressed school districts—\$3,000,000; transportation—60 per pupil over 1 and $\frac{1}{2}$ miles from school (total State allowance \$12,000,000). Transfers 5 percent to building or debt retirement fund. (P. A. 312)

Taxes

1. Amends the property tax limit act to provide funds for community school districts organized after April 15, 1957. (P. A. 155)

2. Replaces the present monthly license fee on trailer coaches from \$2.50 to \$3.00 per month (\$2.00 of this for the school district). (P. A. 215)

HIGHER EDUCATION**Community Colleges**

1. Amend rules for establishing, administering, increasing tax levy beyond 15 mills limitation and re-organization of community college districts. (P. A. 182)

Universities and Colleges

1. Changes the name of Western Michigan College to Western Michigan University. (P. A. 1)

PERSONNEL**Retirement**

1. Provides that certain employees may receive a retirement allowance from the school retirement fund upon reaching the age of 60. (P. A. 142)

Salaries

1. Increases the salary of the superintendent of public instruction to \$17,500 per year. (P. A. 14)

**SCHOOL BUILDING
CONSTRUCTION****Construction or Leases**

1. Authorizes districts of the third class to acquire, purchase, and lease sites and to construct and equip buildings. (P. A. 108)

SPECIAL EDUCATION**Automobile Driver Training**

1. Authorizes the establishment of driver safety schools for traffic violators. State superintendent to prescribe rules and regulations and conduct such schools. (P. A. 230)
2. Amends traffic education program in relation to permits and licenses. (P. A. 235)
3. Provides that a minor who has completed a driver education course may be authorized to drive when accompanied by a parent until reaching the age of 16. (P. A. 141)

Mentally Handicapped

1. Provides for the education of the mentally handicapped within or without the district. (P. A. 146 and 148)

Physically Handicapped

1. Prescribes method and changes pertaining to bonded indebtedness, affecting date of annexation; transfer of property, method of appeal, and authorizes boards to contract outside the district for the education of physically handicapped. (P. A. 135)

STUDENTS**Curriculum**

1. Requires the teaching of civics in public schools to allow the teach-

ing for a time equivalent to 5 recitation periods per week. (P. A. 27)

2. Provides that students take a political science course of not less than three semester hours to be eligible to receive a baccalaureate degree from any college receiving public money. (P. A. 229)

Libraries

1. Increases the amount of penal fine moneys to be granted to the county library fund in each county. (P. A. 181)

School Lunches

1. Allows districts to accept produce from the State and to provide

meals at less than cost to certain children. (P. A. 165)

Transportation

1. Requires school bus drivers to file a certificate from a reputable physician as evidence of physical and mental fitness. (P. A. 117)

2. Provides that the speed of school buses shall not exceed 50 miles per hour. (P. A. 190)

3. Authorizes the board of education to purchase, contract, or lease garages for school buses. (P. A. 197)

4. Authorizes cities or villages to govern stopping of traffic behind school buses. (P. A. 284)

MINNESOTA

ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

Associations

1. Authorizes school boards to join or permit its schools to join any organization, association, or league, for the promotion of sports or the conduct of athletics, oratorical, musical, dramatics, or other contests. (Ch. 726)

2. Permits school boards of any district to become a member of the Minnesota Association of Public Schools upon two-thirds vote of its members. (Ch. 735)

Codification of School Laws

1. Repeals numerous sections of Minnesota Statutes of 1953, and recodifies chapters 122 through 125. Reduces the number of different types of school districts from 8 to 4, and authorizes school boards to provide additional services effective July 1, 1957. (Ch. 947)

Education Study Commission

1. Continues the commission established in 1955 (Ch. 818) to investigate and study all laws relating to elementary and secondary schools, and makes an additional appropriation of \$30,000 therefor. (Ch. 814)

Elections

1. Authorizes boards of independent schools to provide for the use of voting machines at elections. (Ch. 234)

Liability Insurance

1. Authorizes school districts to procure liability insurance covering districts, officers, and employees, and waives governmental immunity under certain conditions. (Ch. 87)

Records

1. Permits State and county officers to keep public records by means of microfilming and other photographic devices, and to consider these "original recording" and admissible as evidence in all courts. (Ch. 28)

School Census

1. Changes the school census law in regard to dates, record keeping, and data pertaining to child's place of residence. (Ch. 12)

School District Reorganization

1. Provides that where the office of the superintendent of county schools has been discontinued the duties formerly required of such officer shall be performed by the

superintendent of the school district in which the county seat is located; and in the event no agreement is executed, the duties shall be performed by the Commissioner of Education. (Ch. 491)

2. Authorizes the county board in any county having ten or less common school districts to terminate the office of the county superintendent of schools, and further authorizes such board to contract with other boards for necessary services. (Ch. 816)

3. Provides that school district merger proceedings that were commenced under the provisions of Section 122.09 do not require the approval of the State Commissioner of Education. (Ch. 520)

4. Authorizes school boards of any districts with boundaries adjoining another State to enter into an agreement and contract with the school board of the adjoining State to provide joint facilities and functions, subject to terms as prescribed by the Commissioner of Education. (Ch. 370)

State Department

1. Designates the Commissioner of Administration as the State agency to purchase, accept, and distribute surplus property made available by the Federal Government to a governmental or nonprofit organization for any purpose authorized by Federal law. (Ch. 808)

2. Permits the State Board of Education to become a member of the Council of Chief State School

Officers and authorizes the payment of membership dues. (Ch. 86)

Validating Act

1. Legalizes and validates activities and deeds executed by officials of school districts. (Ch. 836)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Depository for School Funds

1. Requires school boards to select and designate depositories for school district money, and requires the treasurer to act in the absence or failure of the board to take proper action. (Ch. 867 and Ch. 423)

Federal Aid

1. Amends provisions for certain acts relating to the receipt of Federal Government aids. (Ch. 118)

2. Permits political subdivisions to contract with other subdivisions for the purchase, lease, or other acquisition, for equipment, supplies, materials, or other property. (Ch. 148)

Foundation Program

1. Establishes a new foundation funds program for the distribution of State aid. (Ch. 937)

Security of Public Funds

1. Provides that any banking corporation pledging securities may

substitute obligations of the USA, provided that the market value of such securities are at least equal to \$110 for every \$100 of public deposit. (Ch. 698)

State Aid

1. Modifies a 1953 statute relating to county apportionment which now eliminates the necessity for the county auditor to report the number of districts sharing in the apportionment. (Ch. 20)

2. Provides that the total amount of State aid to any district for any year shall not exceed the total amount expended for the district for any education of resident pupils during such school year. (Ch. 190)

3. Provides additional gross earning refunds to the amount of \$2,369,790, and prescribes for payment to districts. (Ch. 9 Special)

4. Restricts State aid to certain districts with more than 30 townships in which not less than 50 percent of the lands therein are tax exempt. (Ch. 635)

Taxes

1. Provides a method for levying taxes in two or more counties according to the assessment ratios as determined by the Department of Taxation and approved by the Equalization Aid Review Committee. (Ch. 566)

2. Amends existing tax laws in districts not maintaining a graded elementary school and which re-

ceive gross earnings State aid under 1953 Statutes, Sections 127 and 128. (Ch. 596)

3. Provides new regulations and a new schedule for tax limitations. Limitations can be calculated on the basis of the maximum of \$315 per resident pupil unit in average daily attendance, and a schedule of amounts per capita of the population of the district. (Ch. 796)

4. Enlarges the authority of governing bodies to include costs of providing various insurance benefits without such sums being considered in the tax levy or per capita tax expenditure limitations. (Ch. 321)

5. Provides that an alternate method of determining the limitation on bonded indebtedness may be $7\frac{1}{2}$ percent of the correct, full, and true value. (Ch. 879)

6. Changes the date from August to January regarding the levy of taxes in individual school districts. (Ch. 264)

7. Authorizes issuance of emergency certificates of indebtedness in school districts operating under cash basis laws. Keeps chapter 423 in effect through 1957 and 1958. (Ch. 732)

8. Exempts certain school districts from the per capita tax limitation law relating to the payment of general obligation bonds. (Ch. 743)

9. Exempts certain districts containing a city of the second class from the per capita tax limitation law. (Ch. 283)

10. Exempts independent school districts in counties with a population of between 300,000 and 600,000 from the per capita tax limitation law. (Ch. 524)

11. Authorizes the county boards in certain counties to levy a tax of not more than $2\frac{1}{2}$ mills on all taxable property which is not already taxed for the interest of any free public library. (Ch. 788)

HIGHER EDUCATION

Interim Study Commission

1. Provides for the establishment of an interim commission consisting of 14 members to study the needs of higher education in the State, and appropriates \$30,000 therefor. (Ch. 830)

2. Creates a commission consisting of 10 members to investigate and study all matters relating to the schools of agriculture of the University of Minnesota located at Crookston, Morris, Waseca, and Grand Rapids, and appropriates \$15,000 therefor. (Ch. 902)

Junior Colleges

1. Authorizes the payment of \$200 in average daily attendance in junior colleges maintained by school districts and prescribes tuition rates for students. (Ch. 807)

State Colleges

1. Changes the designation of the name of State teachers colleges to "State colleges." (Ch. 576)

2. Provides changes in the procedure involved in the acquisition and operation of revenue producing buildings; defines duties of boards, and provides for the authorizing and issuance of bonds from revenues of facilities at such colleges. (Ch. 603)

3. Authorizes any State college to establish and conduct a program of general adult education. (Ch. 600)

PERSONNEL

Appointments

1. Increases the membership of the county board of education in certain counties by the addition of two members. (Ch. 730)

2. Exempts members from the requirement that any person accepting election or appointment to public office shall be removed from the classified or Civil Service. (Ch. 340)

Certification

1. Provides for the Commissioner of Education to issue teachers certificates to qualified blind graduates of schools of education. (Ch. 548)

Conflict of Interest

1. Limits consideration for materials to the amount of \$250, and services to \$100 for a member of a governing body. (Ch. 194)

Credentials and Qualifications

1. Requires school boards to employ and contract with only qualified teachers, and permits hiring of substitute teachers to replace regular teachers on leave of absence of one or more years' duration. (Ch. 868)

Duties

1. Authorizes school boards to acquire by gift, purchase, or condemnation any lands owned by the State or any political subdivision thereof when not needed for State or municipal purposes. (Ch. 417)

Public Meetings

1. Requires that all district board meetings shall be open to the public, and that votes on actions taken be recorded in a journal kept for that purpose. (Ch. 773)

Retirement

1. Provides for additional benefits to teachers through optional annuities, death, disability benefits, and military service. (Ch. 15 Special)

2. Prescribes regulations governing the teachers' retirement fund, defines terminology, and appropriates therefor. (Ch. 16 Special)

3. Provides for the coverage of employees of State Employees Retirement Association, Public Employees Retirement Association,

and State Teachers Retirement Fund under Old Age and Survivors Insurance of the Federal Social Security Act, and appropriates therefor. (Ch. 18 Special)

4. Provides coverage for certain other employees of the State and its political subdivisions not covered under OASI in Item 3 above. (Ch. 919)

5. Prescribes for the payment of sum equivalent to 6 percent of annual teachers salary and teachers fees into the retirement fund. (Ch. 818)

6. Increases payments to certain annuitants who began drawing annuities between 1931 and 1953. (Ch. 752)

7. Includes certain additional teachers not previously covered in the OASI program. (Ch. 650)

8. Permits retired employees in certain school districts to receive an additional \$75 per month. (Ch. 839)

Salaries

1. Specifies the compensation of board members in unorganized territory in counties having a population of less than 200,000. (Ch. 860)

Travel Allowances

1. Provides for reimbursement to public officials in cities of the first class for the use of privately owned automobiles in performance of their duties. (Ch. 904)

Union Activity

1. Gives certain public employees the right to form and join labor organizations; and, likewise, the right not to form and join labor organizations. (Ch. 789)

**SCHOOL BUILDING
CONSTRUCTION****Bond Issues**

1. Provides for the construction of school facilities and the financing thereof by sale of bonds and levy of taxes in any school district which has over 1,000 children. Authorizes districts to incur indebtedness and issue bonds without regard to the borrowing limit otherwise established by law, and designates the State board as the agency to administer the school construction loan fund. Appropriates \$1,000,000 to be available after January 1, 1958, and the same amount to be available after January 1, 1959. (Ch. 804)

2. Authorizes State Teachers College Board to issue revenue bonds in an amount not exceeding \$9,800,000 for building and equipping dormitories, and to the buildings in Mankato, St. Cloud, Winona, Morehead, and Bemidji colleges. Further authorizes the board to apply for an additional \$3,000,000 Federal aid through housing and home finance agency. (Ch. 604)

3. Includes indoor and outdoor swimming pools and other recreational facilities in the law which

permits the issuance of bonds for financing construction of such facilities. (Ch. 117)

4. Validates all previous bond issues and authorizes that two or more issues may be included in one bond election. (Ch. 318)

5. Increases the bonding limit from \$1,825,000 to \$4,925,000 and liberalizes other bonding procedures relating to school building construction in certain school districts organized on a county basis. (Ch. 189)

6. Authorizes certain districts in which Taconite plants are located, in addition to already existing limits, to issue bonds not to exceed \$215,000 for school house construction, and not to exceed \$40,000 for outstanding obligations. (Ch. 567)

7. Authorizes school boards in districts where Taconite plants are located to issue bonds not to exceed \$1,765,000, including any heretofore issued for the purpose of school house construction. (Ch. 628)

8. Permits school districts authorized to issue bonds pursuant to Chapter 540 of the 1955 laws, and to issue additional bonds of not to exceed \$325,000 for remodeling school buildings. (Ch. 858)

9. Authorizes bond issues and certificates of indebtedness in school districts in which more than 50 percent of the assessed valuation of real and personal property consists of iron ore. (Ch. 731)

10. Authorizes issuance of bonds in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for the construction of library fa-

cilities in counties with a population between 350,000 and 500,000. (Ch. 376)

Taxes

1. Authorizes boards of education of unorganized school territory to use the proceeds of a special county tax (not to exceed two mills) to retire bonds and to use surplus for school building construction. (Ch. 469)

2. Authorizes school boards in districts in which Taconite plants are being constructed to levy additional amounts of not to exceed \$250,000 for each of the 1958-59 years for maintenance and operation. (Ch. 627)

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Exceptional Children

1. Provides for the establishment of an interim commission consisting of 11 members to study the problems relating to the improvement of handicapped persons, and appropriates \$15,000 therefor. (Ch. 829)

2. Requires every school district and unorganized territory to provide special instruction and services for handicapped children of school age. School age herein means 4 to 21 years inclusive, for deaf, blind, crippled, or such defects; and 5 to 21 years inclusive, for mentally retarded. The State shall pay two-thirds of the salary of essential personnel. (Ch. 867)

3. Creates the Minnesota Advisory Board on Handicapped, Gifted, and Exceptional Children, and appropriates for its operation. (Ch. 778)

4. Authorizes all school districts and unorganized territories to provide special instruction and services for trainable children of school age. This includes State colleges or universities and provides State aids for such instruction. (Ch. 803)

STUDENTS

Curriculum

1. Authorizes a new design for the State flag. (Ch. 155)

2. Designates the first Friday in May as Arbor Day, and permits instructions for this purpose. (Ch. 306)

3. Authorizes school boards to expend not exceeding \$800 annually for purchase of awards and trophies in connection with recreational programs. (Ch. 372 and Ch. 499)

School Safety Patrols

1. Changes the lawful age of school safety patrol appointees from 10 to 9 years of age. (Ch. 496)

Sickness and Accident Insurance

1. Permits insurance companies to write sickness and accident insurance policies to all school age groups. (Ch. 700)

MISSISSIPPI

1. Authorizes trustees of State Institutions of higher learning and the State building commission to obtain assistance and contributions from municipalities to construct airport facilities at State colleges and universities. Enables municipalities to erect, repair, equip, remodel, or enlarge facilities for agriculture, auditoriums, lunchrooms,

vocational buildings, libraries, teachers homes, school barns, garages, and the purchase of land and to issue bonds or raise money therefor. (S. B. 1507)

2. Empowers board of Leflore County to pay premiums for liability insurance on school buses in amounts of \$10,000 per person and \$20,000 per accident. (H. B. 39)

MISSOURI

ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

Facsimile Signature

1. Authorizes signature affixed in facsimile. (H. B. 68)

School District Reorganization

1. Relates to population and classification of Kansas City school districts. (H. B. 171)

Segregation and Desegregation

1. Repeals laws requiring the State to provide separate schools for white and colored children. (H. B. 163)

State Associations

1. Authorizes school boards to join the State school board association and pay membership dues and expenses of membership. Prohibits the association from using funds to influence legislation. (S. B. 157)

State Department of Education

1. Designates the State board as the State agency for the administration of surplus property and prescribes administrative procedure in connection therewith. (S. B. 201)

Supplies

1. Regulates the procedure for purchasing of school supplies in St. Louis. Increases from \$500 to \$1,000 the amount of purchases without advertising for contracts. (S. B. 166)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

General Appropriations

1. Transfers \$65,627,783 from the general revenue fund to the State's school moneys fund. (S. B. 308)

2. Appropriates all sums accumulated in the State's school fund not previously authorized under the foundation plan and \$1,400,000 as State building aid to reorganized districts for buildings. (H. B. 186)

Investment of Surplus

1. Authorizes the investment of surplus school moneys in the teachers fund. (H. B. 51)

State Aid

1. Provides educational facilities and services for pupils residing on military reservations and prescribes methods of distributing State aid. (H. B. 126)

Tax Collection

1. Requires county collectors to pay to the county treasurer all taxes collected at least once each month and establishes compensation for such service. (H. B. 47)

HIGHER EDUCATION**State Colleges**

1. Omits the word "teachers" from the designation of all Missouri colleges except Northeast Missouri State Teachers College. (H. B. 568)

PERSONNEL**Duties**

1. Gives superintendent right to set meeting dates for electing members to fill vacancies. (S. B. 80)

Retirement

1. Provides major revisions in the retirement program based on full salary contributions; reinstatement of creditable service rights; purchase of credit for out-of-State service; increased survivors, disability, and retirement benefits. (H. B. 84)

2. Modifies public school retirement in Kansas City school system and includes a provision for old-age insurance benefits. (S. B. 28)

3. Authorizes teachers receiving retirement allowances to serve 60

days in a school year as substitute teachers without affecting retirement allowances. (S. B. 134)

4. Provides transfer rights from one system to another. (S. B. 146)

5. Regulates public school retirement in St. Louis. (H. B. 326)

**SCHOOL BUILDING
CONSTRUCTION****Appropriations**

1. Appropriates \$1,400,000 for new buildings in reorganized districts. (H. B. 186)

Bids and Contracts

1. Authorizes boards to spend to a maximum of \$2,500 for construction or repairs without receiving bids for contracts when using their own employees. (S. B. 167)

SPECIAL EDUCATION**Handicapped Children**

1. Prescribes duties relating to census of handicapped children and the county superintendent in connection therewith. (H. B. 31)

2. Establishes a 15-member commission for a study of the education of handicapped children. (S. B. 13)

3. Provides for the care and training of handicapped children including provisions for establishing training centers and defines trainable mentally retarded chil-

dren. Prescribes duties of State board and authorizes such boards to acquire lands and provide funds for the necessary instruction centers. (S. B. 14)

4. Provides for the organization of a special school district for training physically and mentally handicapped in St. Louis County, and prescribes methods, limitations, and administrative procedure for financing the same. (S. B. 125)

5. Lowers from 10 to 6 the number of children between the ages of 6 and 20 years required to petition for special classes. (H. B. 30)

STUDENTS

Assignment to Other Districts

1. Authorizes and requires the county superintendent to assign

pupils to other districts if such district is more accessible. (H. B. 406)

Attendance

1. Modifies the compulsory attendance law by authorizing the school superintendent to determine pupils who are mentally and physically incompetent and to excuse them from school. Removes clause for excusing pupils who have completed elementary grades and who are between 14 and 16 years of age. (S. B. 16)

School Census

1. Modifies laws regulating census, enumeration in school districts in cities of 500,000 or over. (S. B. 133)

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MONTANA

ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

Property Transfers

1. Permits county commissioners to sell to school districts without public auction any county property for its appraised value. (S. B. 25)

School District Reorganization

1. Provides that in creating new districts the old minimum taxable valuation of \$75,000 for both the new and remaining districts shall not apply where the old district and/or the new district has at least 50,000 acres of nontaxable Indian land. (H. B. 26)

2. Redefines and provides for junior, senior, 6-year and regular 4-year high schools. (H. B. 12)

State Departments and State Boards

1. Provides for the appointment by the State superintendent, with the approval of the State board, of an elementary school supervisor whose duties will be to supervise the elementary schools and report to the State superintendent. Prescribes his qualifications and duties. (Ch. 162)

2. Empowers State board to appoint biennially a budget committee to review budget requests of State vocational school for girls, State

orphans home, State industrial school, State training school and State school for the deaf and blind. (H. B. 219)

Surplus Property

1. Includes civil defense in the State agencies for use of surplus property under authority of State agency for surplus property which is also under the jurisdiction of the superintendent of public instruction. (H. B. 168)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Bond Issues

1. Provided for a Constitutional amendment to be submitted to the voters in November 1958 to allow each elementary school district and each high school district to have separate and independent bonding limitations of 5 percent of the total assessed valuation. [At present elementary and high school districts have a combined limitation of 5 percent.] (Ch. 161)

Federal Funds

1. Authorizes the governor and superintendent of public instruction of the State to request and accept such funds as are now or will be made available for public

building construction or public education. (Substitute S. B. 133)

Foundation Program

1. Provides for an increase of the equalization foundation program by approximately 10.5 percent and permits all existing high schools to receive equalization funds regardless of accreditation. (H. B. 127)

Investment of Surplus

1. Changes from 40 percent to 50 percent the amount of the trust and legacy fund for teachers retirement which may be invested in mortgages. (S. B. 173)

State Equalization Fund

1. Provides an appropriation of \$13,500,000 for the State equalization fund for the biennium. This is an increase of \$3,835,000 or 30 percent over the previous biennium. (H. B. 384)

Taxes

1. Provides for a referendum in 1958 for an additional 6-mill levy on each dollar of taxable valuation for a period of 10 years beginning in 1959 for maintaining and improvement of university units. (H. B. 461)

2. Extends through the next biennium the taxing power of counties up to 20 mills for defraying current expenses including salaries. (S. B. 23)

3. Provides for reclassification of lands and improvements for assessment and taxation purposes. (S. B. 67)

4. Provides for a referendum to permit the issuance of bonds up to \$10 million in excess of the constitutional unit of indebtedness to provide funds for construction at 6 university units, over a period of the next 20 years. Approves a property tax levy of not more than $1\frac{1}{4}$ mills which may be imposed annually to pay principal and interest. (S. B. 178)

5. Provides tax levies for 1957-58 of 6 mills for the University millage fund, 1 mill for the University of Montana building bond, interest and redemption fund and $\frac{1}{2}$ mill for the State training school bond interest and redemption fund. (H. B. 352)

6. Raises the corporation license tax to 5 percent of the total net income received by such corporation during the preceding year and establishes a minimum tax of \$10. (H. B. 394)

7. Increases personal income tax by changing the exemption for taxpayers and their dependents to \$600 each. (Formerly individual exemption was \$1,000 and exemption for heads of families \$2,000.) (Substitute H. B. 449)

8. Provides for a levy limit by districts owning buses of not to exceed $12\frac{1}{2}$ percent of the original cost of buses. (Sen. Substitute for H. B. 181)

Tax Study Commission

1. Creates a commission to make a comprehensive and constructive study of the tax structure and educational system of the State. Prescribes powers and duties and appropriates \$35,000 therefor. (Substitute H. B. 128)

HIGHER EDUCATION**State Colleges**

1. Authorizes the State board of education to receive for the Western Montana College of Education and the Eastern Montana College of Education all benefits from land grants and to pledge the income for the payment of bonds issued for resident halls or other facilities. (S. B. 22)

2. Provides an emergency appropriation of \$47,500 for repairs at Western Montana College of Education. (H. B. 462)

PERSONNEL**Elections**

1. Permits election of additional members to the school board in districts maintaining high schools upon request of a majority of the boards of the common school district in the high school district. Prescribes duties and manner of elections. (H. B. 400)

Length of Day

1. Provides that a period of 8 hours shall constitute a day's work

in all municipal, county or State governments and first-class school districts. (Substitute H. B. 339)

Salaries

1. Provides for an increase in the salaries of county superintendents based upon population and wealth of counties. Prescribes method of procedure to be followed in fixing the amount of such salaries. Raises the minimum salary from \$2620 to \$3228 and the maximum from \$4540 to \$6501. (Ch. 22)

Tenure

1. Provides that teacher tenure begins with the fourth contract (instead of the third) at the same salary unless stipulated otherwise by the majority vote of the board of trustees on or before April 1. Prescribes procedure for appeals. (H. B. 126)

**SCHOOL BUILDING
CONSTRUCTION****Architectural Fees**

1. Prescribes the maximum limits on fees which the State, counties, cities or school districts may pay for architectural planning and construction of buildings. (H. B. 182)

SPECIAL EDUCATION**Deaf and Blind**

1. Provides for the admission of Montana and out-of-State Indian

children to the School for the Deaf and Blind and authorizes schools to collect Federal reimbursement therefor. (H. B. 267)

Practical Nurse Training

1. Provides an appropriation of \$19,000 to the Northern Montana College for use in the practical nurse training program. (H. B. 466)

STUDENTS

Curriculum

1. Makes November 11, Veterans Day, a legal holiday. (S. B. 88)

Scholarships

1. Authorizes State board to waive all fees and tuitions for attendance in the University of Montana of those children whose parents were members of the Armed Forces and who were killed in action or disabled by virtue of service in World War II or Korea. (Sub. H. B. 86)

Transportation

1. Provides for the installation of two-way radios as standard equipment on school buses operating under hazardous conditions and a levy by districts owning buses or not to exceed 12½ percent of the original cost of buses. (Substitute H. B. 131)

NEBRASKA

ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

Associations

1. Authorizes school boards to use school funds to pay membership dues in association of school boards, and to pay attorney when legal counsel is necessary. (L. B. 293)

Elections

1. Changes procedure of counting ballots on elections pertaining to bond issues. (L. B. 347)

Eminent Domain

1. Changes method of exercising power of eminent domain in acquisition of an easement or right-of-way on school property. (L. B. 214)

Records

1. Provides for the safekeeping of deeds and other records relating to land. (L. B. 79)

2. Provides for the registration of bonds in the office of the secretary of the board of education. (L. B. 173)

3. Authorizes the board of education of class IV districts to maintain a continuing census of children

from birth to 21 years. (L. B. 338)

School District Reorganization

1. Provides for the annexing of property to a school district in the event of a purchase of a new site. (L. B. 73)

2. Changes the manner of filing petitions and procedures regarding reorganization of school districts, and authorizes that any bonded indebtedness shall remain the obligation of the old district. (L. B. 582)

State Boards

1. Provides that the Board of Educational Lands and Funds shall be the State Board of Examiners of Land Surveyors. (L. B. 153 and L. B. 544)

2. Recodifies election laws and includes provision for filling vacancies on State Board. (L. B. 588)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Federal Funds

1. Authorizes boards in class III, IV, and V districts to contract with the Federal Government to construct, maintain, and operate schools on Federal property outside the boundaries of such districts. (L. B. 618)

Investment of Surplus

1. Authorizes the treasurer of a school district to invest district funds in bonds or debentures. (L. B. 351)

State Aid

1. Increases free high school tuition from \$10.50 to \$12 per week. (L. B. 185)

Taxes

1. Changes the method of determining the amount to be received by the free high school fund of the county. (L. B. 320)

2. Continues for 10 years the one-half mill tax levy for teachers' retirement system. (L. B. 332)

3. Provides that a tax of not more than 2 mills may be levied for a library. (L. B. 346)

HIGHER EDUCATION**State Universities and Colleges**

1. Amends section 72-1005 through 1007 by providing for a building fund levy of .75 mills for 10 years for the University of Nebraska and four State teachers' colleges. [In effect this replaces a previous levy of \$1]. (L. B. 30)

2. Corrects terminology relating to State normal schools. (L. B. 219)

PERSONNEL**Conflict of Interest**

1. Provides penalties for conviction of any board of education member who is a party to a school contract in excess of \$500 in any one year. (L. B. 574)

Credentials

1. Repeals section 79-1271 which required applicants for a teacher's certificate to complete a course in health education in relation to narcotics and alcohol. (L. B. 66)

2. Clarifies terminology in regard to qualifications for professional certificates. (L. B. 67)

3. Recodifies the teacher certification laws and reduces the number of types of teaching certificates from 68 to 12. (L. B. 586)

Elections

1. Provides that candidates for school boards in class II and III districts may be nominated by petition. (L. B. 348)

Institute Fees and Dues

1. Provides a county board fund of not more than \$350, and establishes a fund of \$1.00 per person in attendance as a teachers' institute fund. (L. B. 65)

NEBRASKA

Retirement

1. Eliminates the six months' waiting period for receiving disability benefits under the school employees' retirement system. (L. B. 175)

Salaries

1. Increases fees for services of secretary of the board of educational lands and funds. (L. B. 178)

Substitute Teachers

1. Establishes the position of reserve teacher for persons who have passed their 65th birthday and who have taught not less than 25 years and entered retirement status. It appropriates \$300,000 for payment of such teachers at the rate of \$30 per month. (L. B. 608)

Term of Office

1. Provides term of office for board members in class I districts. (L. B. 180)

Travel Allowance

1. Establishes uniform mileage rate of 9 cents per mile for county school superintendents. (L. B. 32)

SCHOOL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

Leases

1. Reduces time period for saline

land leases from 20 to 12 years. (L. B. 95)

2. Adds conservation terraces to the list of improvements on school lands to be appraised when a lease is made to a person other than the former lessee. (L. B. 107)

3. Provides a constitutional amendment to be voted upon in the general election of November 1958 which would authorize municipalities to acquire, own, and lease real and personal property to private enterprise; the cost to be defrayed by revenue bonds secured by a pledge of the lease and revenues and mortgage upon such property. (L. B. 608)

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Mentally Retarded

1. Creates one or more approved residential schools for mentally retarded children. (L. B. 364)

Nonpublic Schools

1. Provides for the licensing of correspondence schools, trade schools, and business schools by the State Board of Education. (L. B. 349)

2. Provides that private business and trade schools may voluntarily apply for inspection and approval by the State Board of Education. (L. B. 517)

NEVADA

ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

Parental Responsibility

1. Requires that parents be held financially liable for damage or injury to property resulting from willful misconduct of minors under 18 years of age. This liability extends to a maximum of \$300. (Ch. 7-A. B. 12)

Records and Reports

1. Authorizes State boards to prescribe forms for a quarterly publication of school district expenditures. (Ch. 138-A. B. 240)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Budgets

1. Prescribes the manner and date for amending school budgets and changes the date for filing to March 15. (Ch. 95-A. B. 86)

State Aid

1. Defines Federal funds and the percentage to be counted as local funds in apportionment of State aid. (Ch. 292-A. B. 389)

Taxes

1. Provides that school districts increase or decrease tax rates to conform to budgetary limitations

when directed to do so by the tax commission. (Ch. 360-S. B. 106)

PERSONNEL

Nepotism

1. Exempts teachers and other employees from certain provisions of the nepotism act. (Ch. 375-A. B. 434)

Qualifications

1. Regulates the qualifications, appointment, and powers of first assistant superintendent. (Ch. 59-A. B. 196)

Retirement

1. Authorizes a retired person to earn \$1,200 a year from public employers without affecting his retirement benefits. (Ch. 386-A. B. 122)

Salaries

1. Amends appointment, qualification, and salary of State superintendent. (Ch. 49-A. B. 21)

SCHOOL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

Property Transfer

1. Adds the power to exchange

land property between public agencies. (Ch. 98-S. B. 100)

School Building Lease

1. Grants school boards the power to lease unused school buildings for community centers. (Ch. 70-A. B. 76)

2. Empowers school trustees to lease real property. (Ch. 207-A. B. 405)

Surplus Property

1. Provides for the procurement and transfer of Federal donable surplus property. (Ch. 111-A. B. 138)

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Industrial School

1. Appropriates \$22,000 from the State distribution fund for employment of teachers at the Nevada School of Industry. (Ch. 214-S. B. 75)

Vocational

1. Modifies certain sections pertaining to vocational education. (Ch. 149-A. B. 392)

2. Modifies section 279 of the vocational rehabilitation act. (Ch. 148-A. B. 393)

STUDENTS

Attendance

1. Lowers the maximum age limit for compulsory school attendance from 18 to 17 years. The compulsory school attendance laws now requires that students attend school between the ages of 7 and 17. (Ch. 215-S. B. 47)

Textbooks

1. Amends the textbook adoption periods and provides for annual textbook commission meetings. (Ch. 233-A. B. 391)

Transportation

1. Authorizes departments of motor vehicles to inspect school buses and issue driver licenses. (A. B. 438)

2. Requires superintendents to be responsible for the condition, equipment, and identification of school buses and provides penalties for noncompliance. (Ch. 389-A. B. 379)

Tuition

1. Allows school districts to include in the tuition cost of pupils from a adjoining school district, reasonable amounts for cost of operation, maintenance, and employment. (Ch. 389-A. B. 397)

NEW HAMPSHIRE

ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

Nonpublic Schools

1. Regulates private nursery and kindergarten schools by defining terminology; requires annual State approval of certification and registration and establishes health and sanitation standards. (125:37, 38, 39, 40, 41)

School Elections

1. Authorizes any person qualified to vote in town affairs to vote at school district meetings. (197:11)

2. Authorizes districts to vote on the use of municipal checklists for school purposes. (197:12-a)

3. Provides penalty for wrongful vote in a district election. (197:18)

4. Provides that moderators may appoint assistants. (197:19-a)

5. Authorizes district boards to appoint inspectors for assisting in counting votes at elections. (197:20-a)

State Department of Education

1. Creates the position of deputy commissioner and authorizes the commissioner to appoint and assign him duties. (186:9-a and b)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Bond Issues

1. Authorizes cooperative school districts to borrow money and issue bonds of not to exceed 9 percent of their assessed valuation and prescribes debt limits where only a part of the school district is incorporated into a cooperative district. (195:6)

2. Clarifies procedures relating to the recall of bonds before the date fixed for final payment. (32:2-a)

3. Authorizes cooperative school districts to borrow money and issue bonds of not to exceed 9 percent of their assessed valuation and prescribes debt limits where only a part of the school district is incorporated into a cooperative district. (195:6)

Debt Limits

1. Authorizes cities a maximum debt limit of 4 percent of the valuation for school purposes except upon approval of the board of investigation and in that case it may not exceed 6 percent. Also prescribes methods of computation, record keeping, and board investigations. (33:4-a, b, c, and g)

General Appropriations

1. Provides substantial increase in foundation program for technical institutes at Manchester and Portsmouth, vocational rehabilitation, and for teachers colleges at Keene and Plymouth. It more than doubles funds for statewide supervision.

Loan Funds

1. Authorizes State board to establish and administer a State revolving fund as a loan fund for technical institutes. (820:6 188:11)

State Aid

1. Requires State board to adjust the cost of required programs in accordance with foundation aid and authorizes amounts distributed during the first year to be distributed the second year. (198:11)

Tax Exemptions

1. Exempts real and personal property of educational, religious, and other institutions from taxation. (72:23)

Tax Study Commission

1. Requires the State Tax Commission to study the reasons why any town has a tax rate of less than \$2.50 per \$100 evaluation. (802:8)

PERSONNEL**Retirement**

1. Modifies the New Hampshire Teacher's Retirement System and integrates its benefits with Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance benefits. (48:1)

Salaries

1. Fixes the State share of the salaries of superintendent, assistant superintendent, and helping teachers for supervisory union on the basis of financial need of equalized valuation. (186:11)

Tenure

1. Prescribes manner in which teachers may request hearings on tenure rights and appeal decision to the State board. (189:14-a and b)

SCHOOL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION**State Aid**

1. Authorizes a sum equal to 80 percent of the amount of the annual payment of principal on all outstanding loans of the district for construction. Directs that cooperative district shall not receive an annual grant of State aid to high school districts. (198:15-b and g)

2. Provides an additional 2½ percent aid for high school dis-

tricts under conditions and appropriates \$60,000 for that purpose. (198:15-f)

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Automobile Driver Training

1. Authorizes that the net proceeds from service fees for initial license number plates shall be expended for the promotion of and the instruction of safe driving. (262:1-a)

Mentally Retarded

1. Provides for the transportation and education of any child mentally retarded under age 21 and who is at least 3 years retarded. School boards may employ teachers and pay for expenses from district funds. (186:50-a, b, and c)

Nursing Education

1. Provides for a five-member board of nursing education and registration under supervisions of State commissions and State board and defines administrative procedures and duties pertaining thereto. (326:1, 2, and 18 195:4)

STUDENTS

Employment

1. Regulates ages and hours of employment of children in the various types of work. (276:1)

Tuition

1. Requires districts not maintaining high or elementary schools to pay for the tuition and other costs of students attending school outside the district. (194:27 193:4)

NEW JERSEY

ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

Absentee Voting

1. Regulates procedure for absentee voting. (Ch. 20)

Purchases and Supplies

1. Permits local boards to purchase food and supplies for cafeterias in accordance with State board regulation without advertising for bids. (Ch. 51)
2. Permits school boards to purchase supplies of not to exceed \$100 and to repair existing schoolhouses at a cost of not to exceed \$200 without advertising for bids. (Ch. 174)

School District Reorganization

1. Prescribes the manner of apportionment of membership of regional boards in consolidated districts. (Ch. 149)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Bond Issues

1. Amends sections pertaining to the issuance of bonds for school purposes by authorizing that bonds of municipalities and local government may be issued for redemption

prior to maturity with or without premiums as fixed by the municipality or local government. (Ch. 11 and 12)

PERSONNEL

Certification

1. Authorizes that citizens of foreign countries may be granted teachers certificates subject to their declaration that they intend to be citizens within 5 years after issuance of such certificates. (Ch. 158, law of 1956)
2. Amends the act providing for the certification of librarians employed and paid by public funds within the State. (Ch. 155, law of 1956)

Employment

1. Requires that school nurses be appointed and paid by local school board. (Ch. 233, law of 1956)

Group Life Insurance

1. Authorizes Board of Trustees of teachers pension and annuities fund to purchase group life insurance from one or more companies and prescribes requirements for participation. (Ch. 142)

Retirement

1. Prescribes a minimum pension of not less than 25 percent of the final average salary of employees under age of 65 for 35 or more years of service. (Ch. 29)

2. Authorizes former county employees an option of retaining membership in the county retirement system or transferring to the State Employment Retirement System. (Ch. 31)

3. Permits retired personnel to waive payment of a portion of their pension. (Ch. 59)

4. Permits State and local retired members to earn up to \$1,200 annually in part-time public employment without affecting their retirement allowance. (Ch. 145 and 89)

Salaries

1. Provides increase for a new minimum salary schedule resulting in the highest minimum in the United States as follows: Nondegree teacher, \$3,600 to \$5,400; bachelors degree \$3,800 to \$5,800; masters degree \$4,000 to \$6,200; and yearly increments of \$200 per year.

2. Permits boards, upon request, to deduct up to 10 percent of the

employees salaries and to pay it to the employees during summer months. (Ch. 90)

Sick Leave

1. Permits local boards to allow sick leave to accumulate beyond the previous 10 days limit. (Ch. 58)

Tenure

1. Prescribes rules for tenure and seniority rights for school nurses. (Ch. 181)

STUDENTS**Health and Safety Regulations**

1. Prescribes the manner in which boards may require pupils to be immunized against polio, and provides rules of exceptions. (Ch. 183)

Segregation and Desegregation

1. Adds publicly assisted housing accommodations to facilities which prohibit discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin or ancestry. (Ch. 66)

NEW MEXICO

ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

School District Reorganization

1. Repeals the law authorizing independent school districts. (Ch. 5-H. B. 105)

State Board of Education

1. Provides for a constitutional amendment to create a State department of education and to provide for an elected State board of education with power to appoint a superintendent of public instruction. (S. J. R. No. 8)

State Department of Education

1. Creates the public school finance division within the State department of finance and administration and abolishes the office of educational budget auditor. Defines duties of the division and authorizes the division to increase the school budget after final approval of not more than \$500. (Ch. 249-H. B. 322)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Bond Issues

1. Increases the maximum interest rate on educational institutional

bonds from 4 percent to 6 percent and provides for the issuance of refunding bonds. (Ch. 245-S. B. 293)

Federal Forests

1. Memorializes Congress to give the State 10,000,000 acres of land in trust to provide revenue for higher educational institutions. (S. J. M. No. 10)

General Appropriations

1. Authorizes \$120,000 as the emergency school suspense fund for the purpose of making refunds of taxes, penalties, and interest under this act. (Ch. 119-H. B. 360)
2. Appropriates \$25,671 for matching Federal funds allocable to the State. (Ch. 4-H. B. 25e)

State Aid

1. Increases from \$500,000 to \$800,000 the State public school equalization aid fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1958. (Ch. 155-S. B. 381)

HIGHER EDUCATION

Community Colleges

1. Provides for the establishment of a community college in any area

showing the need thereof. Administrative control will be left with the board of regents of the higher education institution. Tuition will be from fees which will be set by the board of education and board of regents and any gifts or grants as may be available at any time. (Ch. 143-H. B. 325)

PERSONNEL

Duties

1. Excludes school employees from serving as school budget commissioners and changes the time of appointment of such commissioners. (Ch. 87-S. B. 239)

Retirement and Social Security

1. Enacts a comprehensive educational retirement act and provides for the administration thereof. Computes the average annual salary upon the last 5 years and provides benefits for members with less than 5 years. Eligibility for retirement is 15 years at age of 60 or 30 or more years at any age. Provides liberal disability benefits. (Ch. 197-C. S. 184)

2. Memorializes the Congress of the United States to amend the Social Security Act to give discretionary power of participation to

elected officials in the Social Security program. (S. J. M. No. 15)

Tenure

1. Prescribes the manner of conducting hearings, charges, notices, appeal to State board, final decision, salary termination, reinstatement, and other tenure rights. (Ch. 116-S. B. 426)

Travel Allowance

1. Authorizes a maximum rate of mileage allowance of 9 cents per mile for privately owned vehicles (Ch. 96-H. B. 39)

STUDENTS

Attendance

1. Memorializes the State board and superintendent to take necessary measures for the enforcement of State truancy laws. (S. J. M. No. 3)

Curriculum

1. Memorializes the universities and colleges faculties and administrators in the State to make the study of American History and American political science compulsory for all undergraduate students. (S. J. M. No. 9)

NEW YORK

ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

Bids, Purchases and Supplies

1. Eliminates certain competitive bidding features in emergencies and authorizes that purchases of surplus and second-hand supplies may also be made from Federal Government irregardless of competitive bids. (Ch. 984)

Civil Service

1. Establishes procedures in relation to new positions in city school districts which are subject to a municipal civil service commission. (Ch. 485)

Cooperative Educational Services

1. Clarifies terminology and establishes guides for operation and administration of boards of cooperative educational services. (Ch. 1081)

Investment of Surplus Funds

1. Authorizes governing bodies of school districts to expend reserve funds for emergencies upon $\frac{2}{3}$ affirmative vote of its membership. (Ch. 740)

Records and Reports

1. Enables city school districts to receive from county election boards temporary custody of the registration poll records for use in city school district elections. (Ch. 180)

2. Establishes procedures for safeguarding and storing municipal public records. (Ch. 522)

School District Reorganization

1. Requires enlarged school district to assume indebtedness of any dissolved or annexed districts where such obligation is caused by school construction. (Ch. 199)

2. Extends boundaries in cities and counties for purpose of establishing and maintaining recreation departments. (Ch. 582)

State Department of Education

1. Provides for the State department to acquire and control Walt Whitman's birthplace in Huntington. (Ch. 1006 and 1007)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Bond Issues

1. Extends the time span of the date of payment of the first installment of serial bonds for municipi-

palities from one to three years. (Ch. 483)

2. Increases the interest rate from $2\frac{1}{2}$ percent to $3\frac{1}{2}$ percent for the sale of bonds of a school district or corporation. (Ch. 673 and 703)

Claims Against District

1. Provides that claims against a district are not invalidated merely because an officer thereof is serving without compensation. (Ch. 172)

Deferred Payment Notes

1. Authorizes and empowers any municipality, school district, or corporation to issue deferred payment notes with interest rate of not more than $2\frac{1}{2}$ percent to finance any object or purpose with a probable 5-year period of usefulness. (Ch. 950)

State Aid

1. Appropriates \$200,000 State aid for commissioner to distribute to districts to meet exigencies due to increased attendance in overcrowded public or private developments. (Ch. 652)

2. Raises flat grant per pupil in average daily attendance as follows: kindergarten through 6th grade from \$125 to \$129; half-day kindergarten from \$62.50 to \$64.50; and grades 7 through 12 from \$156.25 to \$161.25. (Ch. 682)

3. Provides that school districts with less than 8 teachers shall receive State aid of not less than

1954-55 school year and appropriates \$875,000 therefor. (Ch. 982)

4. Provides that commissioner shall establish procedure for computation of State aid under budget check and to provide that school district shall not be entitled to pupil adjustments for defeating reorganization under the master plan. (Ch. 1018)

5. Approves State aid to school districts for expenses of school psychologists. (Ch. 858)

Taxes

Extends provisions for exempting educational organization property from taxes. (Ch. 848)

HIGHER EDUCATION

Community Colleges

1. Provides that when a county board of supervisors has formulated plans for a community college such board may submit the issue including cost for maintenance and operation to the voters at a general election. (Ch. 181)

2. Provides a "save harmless" provision for employees of community colleges in New York City similar to that already in effect for district employees. (Ch. 315)

PERSONNEL

Jury Duty (New York City)

1. Exempts any full-time teacher

from being called to jury duty. (Ch. 786)

Military Duty

1. Provides that active military duty shall be counted toward probational teaching service and extends period for one year under conditions. (Ch. 839)

Retirement

1. Extends to July 1, 1958, a provision permitting the return of retired teachers to active service. (Ch. 56)

2. Provides for the transfer of the reserves and credits of a member of the State teachers retirement system to another system in the State only where such other system has reciprocal transfer provisions. (Ch. 159)

3. Permits members of any financially sound State or municipal retirement system to transfer membership to State teachers retirement system. (Ch. 160)

4. Makes permanent a plan, previously limited to June 30, 1958, whereby additional contributions may be made for the purpose of increasing the annuity part of the allowance on retirement date. (Ch. 165)

5. Raises from \$1,000 to \$1,800 the maximum annual amount a retired member of the State teachers retirement system may earn from sources other than substitute teaching or adult education and increases the total annual income

limit from \$2,500 to \$3,500. This privilege is extended to July 1, 1960. (Ch. 187)

6. Continues to July 1, 1958, provision that final average salary for retirement purposes may mean maximum salary which retired member would be receiving in position from which he was last retired for disability. (Ch. 356)

7. Reduces the waiting period from 5 to 3 years to participate in higher retirement benefits where members transfer from one system to another. (Ch. 419)

8. Authorizes New York City retired teachers to accept per diem employment in New York State school system as substitute teachers in an amount not in excess of \$2,400 annually. (Ch. 480)

9. Provides that interest on contributions of members of State teachers retirement system shall be added to the accumulated contributions of members. (Ch. 603)

10. Increases from \$1,800 to \$2,500 the maximum annual amount a member of the State teachers retirement system may earn as substitute teachers or employee of adult education program. Privilege extends to July 1, 1960. (Ch. 658)

11. Requires that lump sum deposits for increased pensions must be made at least 30 days prior to retirement. (Ch. 659)

12. Lowers retirement ages for female annuitants eligible to receive increased allowances from age 65 to 62, and provides that the increase to \$1,802 would apply to all annuitants age 50 retired for disability. (Ch. 718)

13. Permits members of both State teachers retirement system and State employees retirement system to receive coverage under Old Age and Survivors Insurance. (Ch. 776)

14. Allows members of State retirement system to elect to retire at age 55 upon payment of contributions and provides retirement allowance consisting of annuity and pension. (Ch. 990)

15. Modifies retirement and Social Security law in regards to certain death benefits. Doubles the maximum benefit and terminates in June 1958. (Ch. 681)

Salaries

1. Raises the annual salary of a district superintendent from \$7,200 to \$8,000. (Ch. 295)

Subversive Activities

1. Permits commissioner of education to remove from office any school official who is a member of an organization listed as subversive by the board of regents. (Ch. 298)

Term of Office

1. Changes the terms of office to 5 years for all members of boards of education of union free districts and clarifies provisions relating to other board members. (Ch. 797)

Workmen's Compensation

1. Includes teachers and other

school employees under coverage of Workmen's Compensation law. (Ch. 983)

SCHOOL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

State Aid

1. Proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing a State debt of \$250,000,000 for expansion of higher education facilities. This proposal will be voted on by the electorate in November 1957, and if adopted, will become effective January 1, 1958.

Surplus Property

1. Provides that education commissioner, or other State officer as designated by the governor, shall be the State agent to receive, care for and distribute any United States equipment, supplies, or surplus property necessary for education. (Ch. 826)

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Exceptional Children

1. Authorizes State department to contract with institutions outside state for instruction of physically handicapped where state facilities are inadequate and to pay not exceeding \$2,000 per year for each such student. (Ch. 863)

2. Provides that ~~cost of~~ contract for educational services for mentally or physically handicapped

shall be counted for State aid purposes. (Ch. 526)

3. Requires State department to maintain register of mentally retarded children and to stimulate effort for their welfare. (Ch. 718)

4. Provides that children both blind and cerebral palsied shall be admitted as State pupils to institutions for instruction of deaf or blind. (Ch. 765)

5. Changes basis of formula for determining State aid to school districts for cost of education of mentally and physically handicapped from weighted average to total average. (Ch. 807)

6. Establishes intelligent quotient of not less than 50 as basis of providing special classes for mentally retarded children. (Ch. 951)

7. Requires that special instruction shall be provided for mentally retarded children from their fifth birthday until the end of term during which they attain 21. (Ch. 952)

STUDENTS

Accident Insurance

1. Permits school boards to purchase insurance against accidents to pupils while under school authorities' jurisdiction. (Ch. 769)

Curriculum

1. Substitutes the term physical education for physical training and adds phraseology extending educa-

tional training programs in citizenship, character, physical fitness, health, and worthy use of leisure. (Ch. 118)

2. Provides for instruction in the safe use of firearms, conservation of game, and proper hunting practices in schools under State control. (Ch. 368)

Scholarship and Loans

1. Creates New York Higher Education Assistance Corporation with authority to make loans to college students of not exceeding \$1,000 per year, or total of \$5,000 per student, from funds acquired through private sources. (Ch. 367)

2. Appropriates \$25,000 for use of New York Higher Education Assistance Corporation established by the 1957 legislature. (Ch. 620)

3. Empowers boards of education to hold in trust according to instructions of the donor and for the purpose of awarding scholarships any real estate transferred to it. (Ch. 256)

4. Enacts a new regents scholarship program to include 5 percent of high school graduates during preceeding year, fixes value on basis of financial need, and includes nursing, engineering, science, medicine, and dentistry. [New program makes possible 6,029 scholarships, with an annual stipend ranging from \$200 to \$500 per student for a period of 4 years.] (Ch. 756)

5. Authorizes exemption of \$800 annually for income-tax deductions

for each dependant in college attendance over 18 years of age. (Ch. 724)

6. Establishes 1,200 additional State war service scholarships for veterans of World Wars I, II, and Korea conflict. Also provides 300 other scholarships for Veterans of Korean war, effective after April 1, 1958. All scholarships include a stipend of \$350 each year for 4 years. (Ch. 842)

7. Establishes tuition-reducing regents scholarship for Cornell University based on financial need for one student from each senatorial district. No scholarship will reduce the tuition less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000. Authorizes scholarships to a maximum of \$30,000 annually. (Ch. 922)

8. Proposes a constitutional amendment, authorizing a State debt of \$250,000,000 for expansion

of higher education facilities which if adopted by the electorate in November 1957, will become effective Jan. 1, 1958. (S. B. 409)

Transportation

1. Removes certain restrictions pertaining to length of bodies of omnibuses. (Ch. 699)

2. Extends area and authorization to hire additional school crossing guards. (Ch. 784)

3. Enables commissioner of education to establish quotas for the transportation of private school students to schools outside district. (Ch. 889)

4. Enacts a new "rules of the road" title to the Vehicle and Traffic Law which provides for the overtaking and passing of school buses and traffic and parking on school grounds. (Ch. 698)

NORTH CAROLINA

ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

Bids and Contracts

1. Authorizes that any expenditures for purchase of apparatus or supplies of \$200 or more shall be awarded to lowest responsible bidder. (Sec. 143-131)

Fire Prevention

1. Extends authority of principals in conducting fire and safety drills. (Ch. 115-150 and 150.1)

Nonpublic Schools

1. Regulates administration of all nonpublic schools with five or more students. Includes commercial and trade schools. (Ch. 115-245)

School District Reorganization

1. Authorizes districts to call elections for any political changes. (Ch. 115-116 and Sec. 122.2)

Southern Regional Educational Compact

2. Approves the admission of Delaware and West Virginia into the Southern Regional Educational Compact. (Resolution No. 12)

State Associations

1. Memorializes the centennial observance of the organized teaching profession of North Carolina. (Resolution No. 12)

Study Commission

1. Authorizes appointment, study and reporting of a committee to study public school finance and related problems. (R. No. 45, H. R. 1978)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Taxes

1. Authorizes districts to conduct elections in regard to a supplemental tax to provide funds for operation. (Ch. 115-116)

HIGHER EDUCATION

Community Colleges

1. Provides a comprehensive plan of reorganization and operation for assistance in community colleges to be jointly financed by State and local governments. Authorizes new junior colleges to be included in the community college plan. (H. B. 761)

State Institutions

1. Provides for a uniform system of operation and government of State institutions. (H. B. 908)

PERSONNEL**Duties**

1. Requires city treasurer to file with the board a surety bond which may be increased as necessary. (Ch. 115-91-S. B. 280)

Employment and Appointment

1. Changes the time during which the board may appoint a superintendent and school committees from the month of January to February. (Ch. 115-39 and 40)

Payroll Deductions

1. Gives State Board authority to permit local units to establish a voluntary payroll deduction plan for participation in U. S. Savings Bonds. (Ch. 751-H. B. 173)

Retirement and Disability

1. Increases retired teachers monthly income from \$50 to \$60 and appropriates therefor. (Ch. 135-14, 14.1, 18.2-H. B. 812)

2. Authorizes school superintendents and assistant superintendents to participate in pension payments. (H. B. 292)

3. Authorizes resident teachers and State employees with 20 years

service to receive monthly benefits of \$60. (Ch. 135-H. B. 933)

4. Increases maximum weekly compensation for disability from \$32.50 to \$35 per week. (H. B. 203 and 216)

5. Grants certain tax exemptions from retirement income payments. (H. B. 397)

SCHOOL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION**Architectural Plans**

1. Requires architects and engineers to prepare plans and specifications for all buildings costing over \$20,000. (Ch. 133-H. B. 271)

Bond Issue

1. Authorizes \$10 million bond issue for capital improvement at State institutions. (H. B. 1162)

2. Authorizes bond issue for construction, or addition to student housing to be repaid wholly from receipts from dormitory rentals at various institutions. (H. B. 1830)

Budget Establishments

1. Provides that the total established cost of new buildings must be included in the budget and that funds for purchase of sites must be expended only after approval of the board of commissioners. (Ch. 115-78)

College Dormitories

Establishes a college revolving

fund for construction and repairing of dormitories and other self-liquidating facilities in North Carolina colleges. (H. B. 1081)

Sites

1. Rewrites the law in relation to the acquisition of sites by eminent domain and establishes limits of such lands to not exceed 30 acres for any school site except in population of 150,000 or more where a maximum of 40 acres may be acquired. (Ch. 115-125-H. B. 316)

2. Requires boards to invest in public schools to the extent of 75 percent actual valuation. (Ch. 115-133.1-S. B. 282)

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Automobile Driver Training

1. Levies additional tax of \$1 to the automobile vehicle license to finance a program of driver training and safety education. (Sec. 20-88.1)

Trainable Mentally Handicapped

1. Appropriates \$165,000 annually for providing a program for educating trainable mentally handicapped on the basis of not to exceed \$300 for each eligible. (Ch. 1369-H. B. 884)

Vocational Education

1. Requires that funds appropriated for vocational training schools

shall be allocated as prescribed by the director of the budget. (Ch. 1385-H. B. 1259)

STUDENTS

Attendance

1. Limits attendance officers to reporting violation instead of prosecuting therefor. (Ch. 115-168-H. B. 829)

Curriculum

1. Includes study of the Government of North Carolina and the United States in the list of courses of instruction in appropriate grade level. (Ch. 115-37)

2. Adopts the "Old North State" as the official State song. (Ch. 777)

3. Rewrites the law pertaining to investigation of fires by school officials and requires that fire prevention be included as one subject in the public school curriculum. (Ch. 845)

Scholarship and Loans

1. Establishes and provides for administering scholarships as follows: 300 loan scholarships of \$350 each for prospective teachers in 1957-58; 600 in 1958-59; and 200 summer school scholarships for each year of the biennium. (Ch. 1237-H. B. 884)

Transportation

1. Authorizes boards to take title

to school buses purchased with local and communities funds for purpose of transporting students to athletic and other events. (Ch. 115-53)

2. Authorizes school buses to be used for field trips and Civil Defense and absolves county or State board of liability from claim or

tort damages incurred therewith. (Ch. 115-183)

3. Regulates transportation in reorganized districts. (Ch. 1375-S. B. 348)

4. Prescribes qualifications for bus drivers and establishes separate limits for buses. (Sec. 20-218-H. B. 96 and 512)

NORTH DAKOTA

ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

Public Meetings

1. Requires all meetings and records of public governmental bodies or boards, except those exempted by law, to be open to the public during reasonable hours. (S. B. 694 and 695)

School District Reorganization

1. Authorizes independent school districts to annex territory and provides for the dissolution of district territory where a county has had its assessed valuation reduced to an amount which will no longer enable the district to raise sufficient funds to carry on normal operations. (Sec. 15-2221-S. B. 253)

2. Authorizes common school districts to annex territory by a two-thirds petition in the same manner as a special district. County commissioners shall give final approval and election is not necessary. (Sec. 15-2308-H. B. 574)

3. Authorizes municipalities to vote as a unit in all rural districts for any plan of reorganization. A majority vote in both areas approves the plan. (Sec. 15-5314-H. R. 596)

4. Authorizes common school districts with a school population of

120 to establish a 4-year high school upon a majority vote of the electors. (H. R. 724)

5. Requires reorganized districts to pay transportation in accordance with the schedule as follows: Increases of 10 cents per day for distance traveled of from 2 to 4 miles; from 4 to 6 miles daily rate is increased by 20 cents; and for each one-half mile over 6 miles an additional sum of 10 cents per day. (Sec. 15-5315-H. B. 795; Sec. 15-3404-H. B. 797)

State Department of Education

1. Authorizes the State superintendent to appoint a director of surplus property within the State Department. (S. B. 117)

Study Commissions

1. Directs the legislative research committee to make a study of school district organization, administration, and finance and also special education and higher education. (H. C. R.-J)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

County Tuition Fund

1. Requires that school directors employ only teachers with valid certificates or permits in order to

participate in the county tuition fund and prohibits payment of the tuition fund for Indian pupils where facilities are being provided by the Federal Government. (Sec. 15-5601-S. B. 129)

State Aid

1. Requires that State aid shall not be paid to districts where school facilities are being provided by the Federal Government for the education of Indian students. (Sec. 15-4019-H. R. 619)

2. In order to qualify for aid on the basis of need, a school district must increase its levy for general fund purposes by at least 25 percent over the normal maximum. (Sec. 15-4007-H. R. 621)

Taxes

1. Increases the levy for county equalization fund for the support of high schools from 3 to 4 mills and increases the payment from \$3 to \$3.50 per week. (Sec. 15-40019-S. B. 201)

2. Authorizes school districts to issue bonds to the extent of 10 percent of their assessed valuation based on 100 percent valuation. (Sec. 21-0301-H. R. 614)

3. The maximum amount that any school district may levy under the present maximum was increased by 2 mills without an election and the following maximum for general fund purposes: One-room school—24 mills; 2 years of high school work—26 mills; 3 years' high school work—29 mills; 4 years' high

school—32 mills; and consolidated elementary school—27 mills. (Sec. 57-1514-H. R. 768)

4. Authorizes the board of county commissioners to levy a tax not to exceed 5 mills for the support of any junior college in the county or in a county adjacent thereto. (Sec. 15-1804-S. B. 241)

5. Preserves the sales tax law. (S. R. 297)

PERSONNEL

Certification

1. Provides that after September 1960, persons without a valid certificate will not be employed to teach in the public schools of North Dakota. To qualify for a certificate requires two years of teacher training beyond high school. (Code Sec. 15-3611-S. B. 66)

Credentials

1. Raises the qualifications of the county superintendent to a first grade professional certificate with a major or minor in elementary education and five years successful teaching experience. (Sec. 15-2202-S. B. 192)

Duties

1. Provides that a three-member committee consisting of the county judge, the State's Attorney, and the county superintendent shall determine when attendance of children in one district would be better served in another district because

of shorter distance. (Sec. 15-2511-S. B. 97; Sec. 15-29082-S. B. 98)

Salaries

1. Authorizes boards of high school districts to increase the salaries of district clerks from the present maximum of \$200 a year to an amount not to exceed \$400. (Sec. 15-2515)

Surety Bonds

1. Requires superintendents to furnish a bond in an amount to be established by the board to the effect that he will honestly and faithfully discharge the duties of his office. The minimum amount shall be not less than the maximum amount of money under his control at any one time. (Sec. 15-380-S. B. 639)

SCHOOL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

Sites Outside District

1. Authorizes districts to acquire sites, construct buildings, and operate schools outside district boundaries upon approval of the State board. (Sec. 15-2506; 15-2918; 15-3107; 15-5117-H. R. 616)

STUDENTS

Attendance

1. Requires the parent of every child, age 7 to 14 years inclusive, to send the child to a public school.

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In the event the child has not completed the eighth grade by the end of his 14th year, he shall be required to attend until he completes the eighth grade or becomes 17 years of age. [This includes children living on Government property] (Ch. 120-H. B. 801)

Curriculum

1. Directs schools to place emphasis on the art of penmanship and spelling. (H. C. R.-E1)

Library Services

1. Authorizes the governing body of any municipality to establish and maintain library services and levy taxes therefor. (Sec. 40-3801; 40-3802; 57-1506; 57-1510-S. B. 638)

Scholarships

1. Authorizes first-grade elementary certificated teachers to apply for a 2-year scholarship and fulfill the requirements of the scholarship by teaching in a public school of the State for one year after completion of the second year in college. (S. B. 128)

2. Authorizes high school graduates to borrow \$500 per year at 3 percent interest to attend college. (S. B. 243)

3. Authorizes the State highway commissioner to establish not to exceed twelve engineering scholarships each in the amount of \$600 per year to be paid out of the highway operating fund. (H. B. 660)

OHIO

ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

Length of School Day and Year

1. Requires 178 days of school including two days for professional meetings. Schoolday defined as five clock hours which may include two 15-minute recesses in grades 1-6. (Amended S. B. 111)

Nonpublic Schools

1. Permits State Board to establish standards for private and parochial schools. (Amended S. B. 153)

Parental Responsibility

1. Requires parents to exercise reasonable control and authority over minor children placed on probation or offer cash surety in the amount of not more than \$500 conditioned upon discharge of the probation agreement. (Amended S. B. 24)

Records

1. Requires board clerks to preserve vouchers of disbursements for a period of ten years and to destroy them thereafter upon order from the school district records commission. (Amended H. B. 116)

School District Reorganization

1. Permits State Board to initiate creation of new local districts or transfer of territory to a city or exempted village, subject to majority vote in each district whose boundaries are altered. (Amended Substitute S. B. 112)

2. Effective January 1, 1958, provides that reorganizing of school district will be effected upon petitions submitted to the County Board of Education. (Amended Substitute S. B. 278)

3. Eliminates restrictions as to the time and date that a County Board of Education may be petitioned for transfer of territory to any contiguous district. (Amended Substitute H. B. 320)

State Boards of Education

1. Permits State Board of Education to determine amount county boards may have for the county board service funds. (Amended Substitute H. B. 162)

Study Commissions

1. Authorizes County Boards to expend funds for conducting studies or surveys pertaining to school district organization and building needs, curriculum and instructional needs, and needs for other services and to publish re-

ports in connection therewith.
(Amended H. B. 489)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Bond Issues

1. Makes permanent the 9 percent limit on school bonded indebtedness. Requires consent of Superintendent of Public Instruction on all bonds in excess of 4 percent valuation of property (now 6 percent). (S. B. 444)

State Aid

1. Provides penalties of withholding State money where co-auditor refuses to reappraise real property. (Amended S. B. 109)

2. Removes school bus depreciation from the school foundation program and requires all rules and regulations of State Board pertaining to transportation to be approved by the State controlling board. (Amended Substitute H. B. 145)

3. Appropriates \$367 million for school foundation program for the biennium. (Amended H. B. 447)

4. Appropriates supplemental funds of \$41.8 plus million which includes funds for teachers retirement system. (Amended H. B. 938)

PERSONNEL

Boards

1. Authorizes boards to employ

executive heads for a period not to exceed 5 years. (Amended H. B. 164)

Certification

1. Permits State Board to establish standards for private and parochial schools. (Amended S. B. 153)

2. Changes basis from charging fees for certificates from a present range of \$1 to \$5 to a flat \$2 fee for all certificates. (H. B. 163)

3. Provides for an "executive head" certificate valid for teaching subjects in supervision and administration. (H. B. 389)

4. Authorizes State Board to grant teacher certificates to graduates of any university in good standing if employed in non-tax supported schools. (Amended H. B. 908)

Duties

1. Permits teachers and other employees not employed by the city to serve on city councils. (H. B. 206)

Leave

1. Permits leaves of absence with part pay for a period of not to exceed one year. Pay is to be for a maximum of two semesters. (Amended S. B. 163)

Payroll Deductions

1. Permits payroll deductions for

charitable contributions by public employees. (Amended H. B. 117)

Retirement

1. Provides a "cost-of-living" adjustment fund to increase pensions of teachers, school employees, and State employees who retired before 1955. (Amended Sub. H. B. 377)

Salaries

1. Fixes salaries of State Superintendent at \$25,000 per year. (Amended S. B. 175)

SCHOOL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

Bond Issues

1. Provides that the interest from proceeds of sale of bonds, where temporarily invested, shall be used for purposes for which bonds were voted, and available for purchase of equipment. (Amended H. B. 160)

2. Permits boards of education to include school furnishings, equipment, and purchase of school sites in bond issues proposed under emergency conditions requiring replacement of school buildings. (Amended H. B. 851)

3. Provides that for a district to become eligible for State rehabilitation aid, it must levy at least 15 mills for school purposes including not less than 3 mills to retire bonded debt. (Amended S. B. 213)

Building Standards

1. Extends for two years (from October 1, 1957 to October 1, 1959) the effective period of rules and regulations of Board of Building Standards. (Amended H. B. 875)

State Aid

1. Provides for distribution of State aid from \$150 million bond issue to needy school districts for school construction on the study and formula of the "Heller Report." (S. B. 448)

2. Provides \$10 million for public school building aid during 1957 and 1958, and an additional \$10 million after 1959. (Amended H. B. 939)

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Mentally Retarded

1. Permits boards to establish separate schools for the instruction of mentally retarded, to transport pupils to schools, to contract for services, and to expend funds for operation of such schools. (Substitute H. B. 568)

STUDENTS

Discipline

1. Permits a city or exempted village school superintendent or executive head to expel a student. Parents may appeal decision to the board of education. (Amended S. B. 109)

Juvenile Traffic Offenders

1. Changes juvenile court statutes so that youthful traffic violators shall be designated as "juvenile traffic offenders" rather than juvenile delinquents; increases from \$25 to \$50 the maximum fine which a juvenile court could impose upon a "juvenile traffic offender" and authorizes that offenders may be

represented by counsel. (Amended H. B. 161)

Scholarships

1. Provides \$220,000 for a scholarship program for higher education institutes which will provide the second year scholarship to students entering colleges of education. (Amended H. B. 939)

OKLAHOMA

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

State Aid

1. Increases State aid from \$250 to \$400 per capita. (Art. 4, Sec. 40)
2. Changes the enrollment formula for distribution of State aid as follows:

From	To
18-26	18-27
26-50	28-52
51-75	53-77
76-90	78-100
91-120	101-122
121-150	

and additional teachers for each 26 students or fraction thereof. (Art. 18, Sec. 6-7)

PERSONNEL

Salaries

1. Increases the basic minimum salary schedule as follows for 1957-58 school year: bachelor's degree from \$2,100 to \$2,700 and beginning 1958-59 school year \$3,000; master's degree from \$2,400 to \$2,900 and for school year 1958-59 \$3,200; doctor's degree from \$2,600 to \$3,100 and for school year 1958-59 \$3,400; and \$100 increase for each year served up to 12 years of pre-

vious service for 1957-58 and to 15 years teaching experience beginning with the school year 1958-59. Provides that the 1957-58 minimum program shall be supplemented by the necessary funds to guarantee a minimum salary of \$300 for all certified teachers. (Art. 18-Sec. 1-5)

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Exceptional Children

1. Changes provisions regarding education of the physically handicapped so as to include all types of exceptional children, mentally handicapped, trainable mentally retarded, speech defective, emotionally disturbed, and children with special health problems. Prescribes for the education and limits expenditures therefor. (Art. 18-Sec. 1-10)

STUDENTS

Transfer of Pupils

1. Provides for the transfer of children from one district to another and outside the State. (Art. 8-Sec. 1-3)

OREGON

ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

High School Districts

1. Authorizes districts to maintain a high school or to pay for the education of children outside the district. (Ch. 583)

Nonpublic Schools

1. Defines private vocational schools. (Ch. 379)

School District Reorganization

1. Authorizes the most populous district in reorganization to maintain its Social Security account number. (Ch. 89)

2. Validates all reorganization acts affected prior to this date. (Ch. 260)

3. Provides major reorganization of the State to include all territories in administrative school districts which operate a 12-year program. Provides for a 9-member county committee and a 7-member board. Districts may not be forced into an administrative unit if 60 percent of the voters are opposed. Funds are authorized to implement this act. (Ch. 619 and 620)

4. Amends the rural school district law in all counties, all first-class and union high school

districts. Exempts county units and rural school districts. Authorizes local district to levy taxes required to meet its own needs. (Ch. 678)

School Elections

1. Changes the date for the annual school election in all districts to the first Monday in May. (Ch. 622)

Study Commissions

1. Provides for an education Interim Study Commission in standards, reorganization, finance, post-high-school-education, and other problems as may be deemed necessary. (H. J. R. 31)

4. Provides that cities may agree with school districts to make payment in lieu of taxes on all school property. (Ch. 649)

5. Prescribes the manner of election for determining the establishment of new tax basis by requiring the uniform period of 15 days for all notices. (Ch. 310)

Working Fund

1. Regulates the amount of money to be placed in the cash working fund for municipal cooperation. (Ch. 673)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Bond Issues

1. Prescribes for the limitation of the bond debt of the school districts. Provides 7.4 percent of true cash valuation for each elementary and unified district and 3 percent for each high school district. (Ch. 639)

Investment of Funds

1. Reduces from 6 to 3 months the minimum time limit for investment of funds and makes other modifications. (Ch. 53)

State Aid

1. Establishes a basic distribution formula at \$230 per weighted pupil. 80 percent of the funds are to be distributed on this basis with 20 percent in equalization grants. (Ch. 612)

2. Increases the amount of the appropriation for State aid from \$80 to \$95 per census child. (Ch. 626)

3. Prescribes changes in new administration or basic school support. (Ch. 708)

Taxes

1. Authorizes districts to levy a special tax for the payment of salaries of supervisors in the employment as home demonstration agents and boys and girls 4-H Club agents. (Ch. 232)

2. Clarifies terminology in property taxation for high school purposes in order to prevent double taxation. (Ch. 335)

3. Provides that the question of voting a new tax basis may be submitted to the Statewide voters at a general, primary, or school election. (Ch. 426)

HIGHER EDUCATION

Community Colleges

1. Authorizes school districts to establish individually or jointly a community college to cover work beyond the twelfth grade, but not an excess of two years and appropriates \$90,000 for the 1957-59 biennium. (Ch. 723)

PERSONNEL

Attendance

1. Modifies compulsory attendance laws to clarify excuses and absences. (Ch. 256)

Board Members Duties

1. Gives boards in second and third class districts the same power and duties as those in first-class districts. (Ch. 634)

Certification

1. Provides penalties of revocation of certificates for teachers involved in certain offenses. (Ch. 638)

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Clarifies terminology relating a transfer of teachers from one union to another and requires that teachers shall not be transferred to a position paying a lower salary without their permission or a hearing. (Ch. 211)

Requires a school board to maintain a record of the reason a teacher or administrator is not re-employed if the teacher or administrator is not re-employed. (Ch. 443)

Provides that after a teacher has served continuously for three years in the district, he shall be eligible for a 3-year contract thereafter unless he desires a shorter contract. (Ch. 446)

Defines tenure district as one which has an excess of 4,500 students and teachers who have been employed at least 75 percent of the number of days of the regular school term. (Ch. 590 and 591)

Includes union high school districts along with first-class and second-class districts, as those eligible to elect their own auditors. (Ch. 110)

Extends the sick leave benefits which apply to teachers or regular employees. (Ch. 457)

Changes from 9 months to 9 and one-half months the period for

which the minimum salary applies to teachers and establishes minimum salary basis of \$3,400 for teachers with less than a bachelor's degree, \$3,700 for those with a bachelor's degree, and \$4,000 for a master's degree. (Ch. 262)

SCHOOL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION**Architects**

1. Prohibits persons not a licensed architect from planning, designing, or supervising the erection of any building having a floor area of more than 4,000 square feet. (Ch. 408)

Bond Issues

1. Authorizes school districts to contract for a bonded indebtedness for the purpose of providing funds with which to acquire, improve, or construct school buildings or appurtenances thereto. (Ch. 658)

SPECIAL EDUCATION**Automobile Driver Training**

1. Provides that behind-the-wheel driver training course of instruction may be offered in any public, private, or parochial high school and increases the fee of driver permits and licenses by \$1 each for these purposes. (Ch. 206)

Educationally Advanced Children

1. Provides for establishing a limited number of programs for

gifted children and appropriates \$25,000 to finance the program. (Ch. 556)

4-H Club

1. Authorizes boards in cities of 8,000 population to authorize funds for the employment of home demonstration agents and boys and girls 4-H Club agencies under the jurisdiction of the State board of higher education. (Ch. 232)

Handicapped and Mentally Retarded

1. Removes restriction relating to the number of classes for which a school district may be reimbursed for handicapped and mentally retarded students. (Ch. 219)

2. Increases the amount for handicapped children's program to \$700,000 a year and retarded children's program to \$118,000. (Ch. 328)

STUDENTS

Curriculum

1. Revises curriculum to include

a regular course of study pertaining to the effects of alcohol and narcotics upon the human system and guidance and humane treatment of animals. (Ch. 149)

2. Provides a maximum of 50 cents per pupil in average daily membership toward curriculum improvement program. (Ch. 642)

3. Provides that the districts may, with the approval of the State Department, carry on a curriculum improvement program and allocates \$80,000 each year thereafter. (Ch. 642)

School Census

1. Modifies various provisions of the school census laws to include all youths between the ages of 4 and 20 years. (Ch. 198)

Textbooks

1. Regulates the standards of schools with respect to size of sites, classrooms, and pupil ratio to teachers in classroom as related to textbooks. (Ch. 272)

PENNSYLVANIA

ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

Bids and Purchases

1. Amends Municipality Authorities Act relating to bids when purchasing materials, labor, and services. (Act 49, S. B. 306)

Property Transfers

1. Extends to second-class districts the same authority to convey unused lands and buildings as is conferred upon third- and fourth-class districts. (Act 67, H. B. 362)

Records and Reports

1. Requires every authority to file an annual report and to have its books, accounts, and records audited annually by a certified public accountant. (Act 106, H. B. 148)

2. Requires every authority to submit to the municipality a report at the end of every 6-month period containing the names of employees and their position and salary. (Act 339, S. B. 77)

3. Permits citizens to examine and make copies of any records of the State, county, township, municipality, school district, commissions, boards, and authorities created by the commonwealth or other

political subdivision thereof. (Act 212, H. B. 800)

4. Provides that records pertaining to the meetings of school districts and other political subdivisions shall be held at specified times and places and the schedule made known to the public. (Act 213, S. B. 224)

School Census

1. Permits districts to authorize the taking of special censuses. (Act 253, S. B. 237)

School District Reorganization

1. Changes the procedure in approving the creation of a third- or fourth-class school district. (Act 262, S. B. 236)

State Aid

1. Provides for minimum reimbursements to union and merged school districts and to school districts that are members of joint boards. (Act 343, H. B. 792)

Study Commissions

1. Adopts concurrent resolution asking the Joint State Government Commission to conduct a thorough study of the problems of higher education. (House Resolution 107)

2. Directs Joint State Government Commission to continue its study of the public schools of the State and report to the regular session of the general assembly with recommendations and drafts of necessary legislation to carry out such recommendations. (House Resolution 188)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Foundation Program

1. Sets up an extensive new method of computing appropriations payable to school districts. (Act 391, H. B. 183)

Investment of Surplus

1. Provides for deposit and investment of school funds. (Act 286, H. B. 1424)

State Aid

1. Regulates fixed charges payable to school districts by State and Federal Government for forest reserve. (Act 48, S. B. 165)

2. Provides for the withholding of State appropriations until school districts have complied with established audit and verification procedures; appropriates \$200,000 therefor. (Act 396, S. B. 891)

3. Increases appropriations for education for the 1957-59 biennium by \$135,616,804. A deficiency appropriation of \$24,163,263 for retirement was approved. (Act

95A, H. B. 1700; Act 84A, H. B. 1691; and others)

Taxes

1. Gives property owners right to appeal new assessment figures of countywide reassessments. (Act 15, S. B. 36)

2. Modifies procedure for filing tax claims against property by a political subdivision. (Act 18, H. B. 29)

3. Grants income tax deductions to residents of other States on a reciprocity basis. (Act 158, H. B. 348)

4. Provides that a political subdivision may levy its taxes on the ratio to actual value under certain instances. (Act 187, H. B. 1077)

5. Delegates and regulates personal property taxing powers. (Act 218, S. B. 621)

6. Provides for exemption of taxes on certain supplies used in construction. (Act 297, S. B. 776)

7. Provides for the regulation, assessment, and valuation of property taxation. (Act 322, S. B. 638)

8. Provides for the collection of taxes in second, third, and fourth class school districts. (Act 384, S. B. 99)

9. Extends time of filing tax reports. (Act 389, S. B. 258)

10. Exempts from taxation as real estate certain items of machinery, tools, and equipment of mills, mines, factories, and establishments. (Act 410, H. B. 797)

11. Redefines terminology for first class districts in regard to levies on persons, professions, occupations, trades, vocations, and commercial activities. (Act 414, H. B. 1178)

12. Increases the amount of revenue a district may raise during the first year in which new county re-assessment figures are used to a 10 percent increase over preceding year's total from real estate sources, and to 5 percent increase from other taxing bodies. (Act 70, S. B. 85)

13. Provides waivers for a 45-day notice in regard to certain tax levies. (Act 78, S. B. 425)

14. Authorizes first class districts to levy three-fourths of one mill additional tax on each dollar on property assessed for taxation for general school purposes. (Act 303, H. B. 1224)

15. Authorizes board of first class A districts the right to levy annually an additional tax of not more than three-fourths of one mill on real property for general public school purposes. (Act 386, H. B. 1722)

16. Proposes a constitutional amendment to increase the total borrowing capacity of school districts (other than Philadelphia) from 7 percent of assessed valuation of taxable property to 15 percent. Also increases from 2 percent to 5 percent indebtedness which may be incurred without the consent of the voters. (Resolution 6, H. B. 766)

PERSONNEL

Duties

1. Provides for the removal from office of directors for negligence of duty. (Act 222, H. B. 262)

Election and Employment

1. Provides staggered election of directors in reorganized districts. (Act 2, H. B. 140)

2. Liberalizes present provisions in regard to date of holding elections of district or associate superintendents. (Act 223, S. B. 238)

3. Clarifies the statutes in relation to the selection of a superintendent and his assistants upon merger of districts. (Act 258, S. B. 411)

4. Provides election machinery for school directors in independent districts. (Act 288, H. B. 1445)

5. Modifies election and membership of school directors. (Act 294, H. B. 1311)

Leave

1. Adds members of the U. S. Coast Guard to list of military organizations entitled to military leave from teaching profession. (Act 10, H. B. 17)

2. Authorizes that sabbatical leave of one-half school term may be extended for another one-half year if employee is unable to return because of illness. (Act 139, S. B. 164)

3. Enacts a Veterans Preference Act to provide for military leave of absence made retroactive to include those presently affiliated. (Act 309, S. B. 249)

4. Provides annual increases in sick leave benefits from 5 to 10 days with pay, and changes the annual accumulated sick leave with pay from 20 to 30 days. (Act 443, S. B. 160)

Retirement

1. Authorizes university employees as eligible to obtain retirement benefits under the public school employees' retirement system, and other amendments. (Act 167, H. B. 807 and Act 183, H. B. 810)

2. Provides transfer rights to and from State employees' retirement system and public school employees' retirement system. (Act 168, H. B. 808, Act 182, H. B. 809)

3. Authorizes contributors to the public school employees' retirement fund the right to purchase credit rendered in States, territories, and other areas outside the Commonwealth but under the jurisdiction of the United States. (Act 179, H. B. 327)

4. Permits contributors who have served under the control of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and with agricultural and home economics colleges to purchase credit for such service towards retirement. (Act 196, H. B. 460)

5. Requires all new State employees to become members of the retirement system and provides further

retirement benefits. (Act 299, H. B. 1170)

6. Provides for the coverage of certain officers and employees under the old age and survivors insurance and clarifies provisions relating to referenda and certification providing Social Security for members of public school employees retirement system. (Act 305, H. B. 1171)

7. Clarifies provisions relating to withdrawal and selection of options where employees are placed under Social Security. (Act 392, H. B. 1176)

8. Permits teachers who have service with the Federal Government but outside the State to purchase credit for service under the retirement system. (Act 393, H. B. 848)

9. Provides for further State annuity to beneficiaries of contributors who elected an option at retirement prior to May 1, 1951. (Act 441, H. B. 696)

10. Permits employees to purchase credit for leave of absence for professional study and growth even though employee did not contribute to the retirement fund. (Act 442, H. B. 725)

11. Enacts resolution requesting House of Representatives to appoint a committee to study and report on all bills presented with respect to retirement or pensions of employees in the State. (House Resolution 50, Printer's No. 141)

Salaries

1. Increases the present salary limitations for any employee on

leave for a full school term from \$2,500 to \$3,000, and for one who is on sabbatical leave for one-half school term from \$1,250 to \$1,500. (Act 139, S. B. 164)

2. Provides \$12 per day and 7 cents per mile for district board delegates in attendance at National School Boards Association. (Act 222, H. B. 269)

3. Increases from \$4,200 to \$6,000 the salary of the school controller in each district. (Act 274, H. B. 1336)

4. Initiates inservice education in lieu of the county institute, and provides for compensation of teachers attending county teachers' institutes. (Act 298, S. B. 246)

5. Increases the minimum salary of faculty members of State teachers' colleges. (Act 409, S. B. 330)

Tenure

1. Directs boards not to terminate services of any employee until he has attained status of both Social Security Retirement age and acquired age sufficient to be eligible to receive benefits under the Federal Social Security Act. (Act 215, H. B. 127)

SCHOOL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

Building Authority

1. Changes requirements for construction contracts and provides additional means of financing school building projects. Authorizes

boards to enter into lease agreements with authorities, profit or nonprofit corporations, persons, associations, or partnerships for the acquisition of suitable sites for school buildings and the construction of buildings thereon. (Act 373, S. B. 724)

2. Increases the powers of the general school authority act to include borrowing of money and issue evidences of indebtedness; appropriates for the purchase of land for State Teachers' Colleges as follows: To complete construction, \$23,500,000; to purchase land, \$1,000,000; and to undertake projects, \$25,500,000. (Act 416, S. B. 313)

3. Provides for the inspection of sites in relation to mines prior to erecting school buildings and payment for such services by State School Building Authority. (Act 426, H. B. 1479)

State Aid

1. Empowers the State authority to construct additions and improvements to medical colleges receiving State aid. (Act 227, S. B. 524)

2. Voids a school building contract after 19 months unless construction has begun. (Act 265, S. B. 743)

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Automobile Driver Education

1. Extends the period of a learner's permit to cover 120 days for a

high school student enrolled in an accredited driver training course. (Act 285, H. B. 397)

Vocational

1. Provides new area technical school legislation which takes the place of the vocational school districts. (Act 397, H. B. 902)

2. Authorizes State Board for Vocational Education to formulate and adopt a statewide plan for area technical school attendance areas, and makes permanent the law regarding payment of the cost of conducting short vocational education classes for unemployed. (Act 398, H. B. 903)

STUDENTS

Curriculum

1. Extends provisions relating to obscene literature and increases penalty for violation. (Act 420, H. B. 172)

Health Services

1. Exempts school lunchrooms from paying a \$5 license fee for machines for dispensing milk. (Act 80, H. B. 237)

2. Provides for school health services and defines powers and duties of the Superintendent of Public Instruction in connection therewith. (Act 404, S. B. 118)

Transportation

1. Legalizes school bus transportation of school pupils to and from extracurricular activities. (Act 55, H. B. 204 and Act 56, H. B. 205)

2. Provides that buses shall be equipped with distinctive safety lights. (Act 192, H. B. 1220)

3. Clarifies terminology in relation to depreciation of motor vehicles and to payments of depreciation for transportation. (Act 207, S. B. 241)

4. Provides penalties for illegal passing of a school bus. (Act 261, H. B. 20)

RHODE ISLAND

ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

Length of School Year

1. Places a maximum limit of 190 teaching days in which teachers may be employed in certain public schools during a school year. (Ch. 4010)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Bond Issue

1. Provides that bonds may be issued forthwith when a city or town approves a bond issue. (Ch. 4018)

State Aid

1. Appropriates \$2,580,000 to provide State assistance to public schools on the basis of \$37 per pupil. (Ch. 3921)
2. Appropriates \$7,000 annually to empower the Commissioner of Education to arrange for free public band concerts and \$7,000 annually for conducting philharmonic symphony orchestra concerts in public parks during the summer. (Resolution 21 and 22)

Study Commission

1. Appropriates \$25,000 and authorizes the Governor to appoint a nine-member commission to study the financial structure of all activities of State Governments including its relationship with municipalities. (Resolution 1818A)

HIGHER EDUCATION

New England Higher Education Compact

1. Appropriates \$10,000 for the next year and authorizes the Governor to execute the New England Higher Education Compact. (Ch. 3926)

PERSONNEL

Retirement

1. Modifies the act in regard to creditable service providing a state-wide retirement system for teachers. (Ch. 3923)
2. Authorizes substitute teaching for a period of not more than 50 days in any one school year for retired teachers. (Ch. 3924)
3. Extends coverage under old-age and survivors insurance to em-

ployees of towns and agencies not heretofore included. (Ch. 3951)

SCHOOL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

Salaries

1. Prescribes a fair minimum wage salary of \$1 per hour for employees in various nonskilled professions. (Ch. 3957)

Bond Issue

1. Approves bond issues for constructing school buildings as follows:

School	Amount	Chapter
Barrington.....	\$1,500,000	3870
Burrillville.....	300,000	3894
Coventry.....	1,250,000	3858
Cumberland.....	500,000	3890
Greenwich.....	80,000	3880
Johnston.....	940,000	3864
Narragansett.....	350,000	3916
Newport.....	400,000	3974 and 3942
Pawtucket.....	500,000	3908
Providence.....	900,000	3886
Smithfield.....		3886
Warren.....	800,000	3864
Warwick.....	4,000,000	3941
Warwick.....	2,900,000	3870

Federal Legislation

1. Request the Congress to place higher priority upon enacting legislation to assist all of the States to provide adequate school housing. (Resolution 116)

ence instruction. (Resolution 32)

2. Memorializes the National Education Association upon its centennial celebration. (Resolution 196)

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Vocational Education

1. Creates a special commission to study the problem of vocational education in Kent County. (Resolution S-38)

Scholarships

1. Appropriates \$20,000 annually and authorizes State boards to provide postgraduate courses in the preparation for position of superintendent of public schools and high school principals and teachers. (Ch. 3922-H. B. 1250)

STUDENTS

Curriculum

1. Appropriates \$200 for the Audubon Society of Rhode Island for conservation and natural sci-

2. Appropriates \$5,000 to supplement a trust fund for scholarships to Rhode Island students in pharmacy. (Resolution S-403)

3. Memorializes Congress to urge enactment of legislation to provide funds for national scholarships. (Resolution 126)

SOUTH CAROLINA

ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

Study Commissions

1. Establishes a nine-member commission to study and investigate the standards and curriculum of the public schools. (Resolution 594)

PERSONNEL

Employment

1. Prescribes written forms for the use of applicants for employment in school districts and requires all school officials to make use thereof. (Resolution 824)

Health Examinations

1. Requires a visiting teacher to file with the superintendent a health certificate showing that he has no communicable or contagious dis-

ease. (Sec. 4 of 1957 Act amended Appropriations Amendment of 1952)

Salaries

1. Provides 10 percent increase in State aid on salaries of school lunch supervisors, visiting teachers, and county superintendents. (General Appropriation Act Sec. 4)

STUDENTS

Curriculum

1. Prescribes for the reporting of the breakdown showing the courses which students passed and failed during the school year and requires every high school to report such information or lose its accreditation. (Resolution 298)

2. Requires that the State flag be displayed in public school buildings. (Resolution 82)

SOUTH DAKOTA

ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

Parental Responsibility

1. Fixes the maximum liability of parents at \$300 for negligent injury of their children to property of others. (Ch. 41-S. B. 10)

School District Reorganization

1. Amends section 1-24 of chapter 8 pertaining to reorganization of school districts. (Ch. 62)

State Board of Education

1. Amends certain sections 1-6 of chapter 1 pertaining to the State Board of Education, terms, vacancies, officers of board, and powers and duties. (Ch. 51)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Audits of School Funds

1. Amends section 7, 18, 23, 31, and 45 of chapter 10 pertaining to deposit, control, and audits of school funds. (Ch. 68, 69, 70, 71, and 72)

Bank Deposits

1. Requires banks qualifying as a depository of school district funds to furnish security for any

amount in excess of the F. D. I. C. limit. (Ch. 18-H. B. 515)

Bonds

1. Validates all acts previously enacted authorizing the issuance of bonds. (Ch. 510-H. B. 517)

State Aid

1. Appropriates \$2,500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1958 and the same ending June 30, 1959 to be distributed to the school districts as follows: 50 percent to high schools and 50 percent to elementary school districts. (Ch. 411-S. B. 124)

2. Appropriates \$17,000 for distribution of surplus commodities in the school lunch and milk program. (Ch. 412-H. B. 538)

3. Appropriates \$870,000 to equalize taxation in counties and school districts. (Ch. 437-H. B. 711)

Taxes

1. Repeals chapter 422 of 1955 Session Laws and enacts legislation relating to the assessment of property for the purpose of taxation; creates and establishes the office of County Director of Equalization and prescribes his powers and duties. (Ch. 477-H. B. 670)

2. Makes all taxes from public shooting areas available for school purposes. (Ch. 100-H. B. 667)

3. Reduces the aggregate value of moneys and credits subject to taxation of each individual, partnership, or firm by \$5,000. (Ch. 46-H. B. 505)

4. Eliminates taxes on certain classes of checks, bank drafts, or similar demands for money or evidence of indebtedness not drawing money. (Ch. 465-H. B. 510)

5. Raises limit of assessed valuation in municipalities and school districts of not to exceed 110, 115, and 120 percent of the 1955 assessed mill rate valuation. (Ch. 478-H. B. 582)

6. Authorizes board of county commissioners to disregard the State Board of Equalization assessment ratio for 1956 on real and personal property and to assess on the basis recommended by county board of equalization. (Ch. 482-H. B. 506)

7. Requires that all property shall be assessed at its true and full value, but only 60 percent shall be taken and considered as the taxable value of such property. (Ch. 459-H. B. 501)

PERSONNEL

Conflict of Interest

1. Prescribes rules pertaining to interest in contracts. (Ch. 254-H. B. 805)

Duties

1. Amends section 1-5 of chapter 2 pertaining to supervisor duties of the superintendent of public instruction. (Ch. 52)

2. Amends section 1-5 of chapter 7 pertaining to the duties of personnel to attend preschool meetings and instructional institutes. (Ch. 59)

3. Amends section 1-34 of chapter 9 pertaining to powers, election, and duties of school boards and officials. (Ch. 64, 65, 66, and 67)

4. Amends sections 2 and 3 of chapter 8 pertaining to election and duties of county board members. (Ch. 54)

5. Amends section 1-8 of chapter 4 pertaining to terms of office and duties of the county superintendent. (Ch. 56)

Salaries

1. Increases county superintendents of school salaries in the following proportion: With population less than 3,000, \$3,130; population of 3,000, \$3,330 plus \$55 for each additional 1,000 increase up to 10,000; and with population of 10,000 or over at the rate of \$3,780 plus \$50 for each 1,000 over 10,000. (Ch. 23-H. B. 616).

SCHOOL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

Contracts

1. Authorizes that South Dakota residents be given preference in

awarding bids for building contracts, repair, and alteration or purchase of supplies. (Ch. 501-H. B. 672)

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Crippled Children

1. Appropriates \$20,000 for the instruction for crippled children in hospitals under the supervision of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. (Ch. 345-H. B. 554)

Mentally Handicapped

1. Appropriates \$150,000 for the biennium for the cost of administration, supervision, and instruction for the education of mentally handicapped children. (Ch. 348-H. B. 536)

Physically Handicapped

1. Appropriates \$124,000 for the education of physically handicapped children. (Ch. 344-H. B. 537)

Veterans

1. Appropriates \$2,500 for on-farm training program which is not reimbursable from Federal funds. (Ch. 393-H. B. 555)

Vocational

1. Appropriates \$22,000 to provide for vocational education. (Ch. 446-H. B. 548)

Vocational Rehabilitation

1. Appropriates \$100,000 to provide funds for vocational rehabilitation of disabled persons. (Ch. 355-H. B. 549)

Young Citizens League

1. Appropriates \$100,000 for the fiscal year for operation of the Young Citizens League. (Ch. 456-S. B. 15)

STUDENTS

Curriculum

1. Amends section 1 of chapter 13 pertaining to assignment of students elsewhere when such students live in a district which does not operate a school. (Ch. 73)

Penalties

1. Amends section 11 of chapter 17 by declaring a misdemeanor for any person to disturb a school and places heavy penalties thereon. (Ch. 74)

Textbooks

1. Amends section 4-6 of chapter 5 pertaining to the selection and regulation of free textbooks. (Ch. 58)

Transportation

1. Requires that motor vehicles of public schools be licensed as other vehicles. (Ch. 211-H. B. 950)

TENNESSEE

ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

Facsimile Signature

1. Authorizes local authorities to use facsimile signature on school warrants. (Ch. 371-H. B. 978)

Nonpublic Schools

1. Regulates private schools in the State by providing that the State department shall inspect, approve, and classify such private schools of grades 1 through 12 upon request of inspection. (Ch. 91-S. B. 345)

Public Meetings

1. Requires all boards of education to hold open public meetings. (Ch. 275-S. B. 560)

Records Open to Public

1. Requires all State, county and municipal records to be open to public inspection. (Ch. 285-H. B. 187)

School District Reorganization

1. Provides for the operation and maintenance of isolated elementary schools where attendance falls below the normal number required in

the State average daily attendance program. (Ch. 142-S. B. 407)

2. Authorizes local boards to establish, maintain and operate public schools jointly with other boards of education. (Ch. 12-H. B. 30)

4. Authorizes local boards to contract with authorities in other States for the education of school children and prescribes procedures to be followed in executing such contracts. (Ch. 90-S. B. 344)

Segregation and Desegregation

1. "Authorizes local boards to provide separate schools for white and negro children whose parents, legal custodians or guardians voluntarily elect that such children attend schools with members of their own race." (Ch. 11-H. B. 29)

2. Permits local boards to provide separate schools for students of the male sex and students of the female sex. (Ch. 98-S. B. 56)

3. Provides a comprehensive assignment, admission, and transfer of pupils law and prescribes duties of local boards and officials in connection therewith. Also provides enforcement procedure and for the administration of appeals from local board decision. (Ch. 13-H. B. 31)

State Department of Education

1. Clarifies terminology in relation to reporting teacher personnel information to the State department and establishes the day of December 1 instead of "at the end of six months." (Ch. 89-S. B. 342)

2. Provides that the State Commissioner may employ legal counsel to administer or protect the collection of school funds. (Ch. 91-S. B. 345)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT**Bond Issues**

1. Authorizes the issuance of bonds in excess of the present limitation of 10 percent evaluation on the taxable property within a county, providing such prior approval in writing is obtained from the Commissioner of Education. (Ch. 92-S. B. 346)

Debt Limit

1. Authorizes quarterly county court to borrow money for current operating expenses and capital outlay on short-term interest rate of not to exceed 6 percent. (Ch. 143-S. B. 408).

General Appropriations

1. Appropriates \$75.8 million for the fiscal year of July 1, 1957, and \$80.7 million for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1958 to operate and maintain the public schools, grades

1 through 12. [This is an increase of more than 28 million dollars over the previous biennium.] (Ch. 53-S. B. 76)

State Aid

1. Provides that an emergency closing of the schools by epidemic, flood, or other justifiable cause by the State board shall not be a cause to discontinue State aid from funds which the district would otherwise be entitled. (Ch. 144-S. B. 409)

2. Prescribes attendance requirements in order to participate in State aid funds for the maintenance of senior and junior high schools. (Ch. 145-S. B. 410)

HIGHER EDUCATION**Colleges**

1. Changes the name of Memphis State College to Memphis State University in accordance with an agreement of the City of Memphis to contribute \$100,000 towards capital outlay. (Ch. 4-S. B. 54)

Universities

1. Gives the trustees of the Martin Branch of the University of Tennessee the same power, authority, and discretion to prescribe courses, curricula, and degree programs as the other colleges and schools of the University. [This was formerly a junior college.] (Ch. 3-S. B. 31)

2. Authorizes trustees of the University and State board to prescribe rules and regulations for admission of students to colleges and universities. (Ch. 211-S. B. 555)

PERSONNEL

Certification

1. Prescribes certification standards for school employees and recodifies laws pertaining thereto. (Ch. 137-S. B. 398)

2. Prescribes certification standards for local districts in the employment of supervisors for teaching in grades 1-12. (Ch. 138-S. B. 399)

3. Permits localities to request temporary permits for teaching positions whenever qualified and otherwise certificated teachers are not available. (Ch. 141-S. B. 406)

4. Eliminates examination for applicants for county superintendents and the power of the State board to grade and classify high schools and prescribes their curricula. (Ch. 160-H. B. 478)

Duties

1. Authorizes local boards to regulate and transfer students from one district to another with or without the use of school funds. (Ch. 9-H. B. 27)

2. Regulates duties of the county purchasing agent. (Ch. 175-S. B. 259)

Leave

1. Modifies the sick leave law to clarify terminology. (Ch. 75-S. B. 343)

Retirement

1. Authorizes the State board to provide for the retirement of employees in State colleges. (Ch. 140-S. B. 405)

Salaries

1. Increases the salary of degree teachers by \$150 for the 1957-58 school year with an additional \$50 for the 1958-59 school year. (Ch. 53-S. B. 76)

Tenure

1. Amends teacher tenure act regarding the merger of local tenure teachers into the State systems. (Ch. 179-S. B. 377)

2. Requires the concurrent action of the superintendent and the board in transferring a status teacher from one location or type of work to another. The board does not have the authority to transfer such teachers except upon the recommendation and the approval of the superintendent. (Ch. 202-S. B. 401)

SCHOOL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

Capital Outlay Notes

1. Authorizes the quarterly county court to issue interest-bearing

ing capital outlay notes, to acquire necessary sites, and to construct, equip, and repair all county school buildings; to purchase school transportation equipment; and to acquire right-of-way. Places a 60 percent limit on the total cost on such appropriations. (Ch. 358-H. B. 806)

STUDENTS

Curriculum

1. Changes the date of Frances E. Willard Day from October to the first Friday in November. (Ch. 259-H. B. 498)

Scholarships

1. Provides that all graduates of Tennessee School for Blind and all blind persons, resident of the State who have graduated from an accredited high school shall be eligible to receive benefits of the scholarship fund and may continue study in any subject and in any institution approved by the State Commissioner of Education. (Ch. 29-H. B. 157)

2. Grants every dependent child of parents killed while serving as a

member of the Armed Forces during World War II or the Korean War a right to receive free tuition, maintenance fees, student activities, registration, and to be admitted without cost to any college operated by the State. (Ch. 198-S. B. 47)

Transportation

1. Authorizes changes in the power of boards to provide transportation facilities for school children. (Ch. 10-H. B. 28)

2. Provides for safety regulations and precautions of buses upon discharging passengers. (Ch. 27-S. B. 157)

3. Prescribes rules and regulations covering the transportation of pupils on school buses and authorizes the Commissioner to approve a limit of not to exceed 20 percent of the load limit above the manufacturer's rated capacity. (Ch. 159-H. B. 478)

4. Authorizes local boards to contract for transportation services with persons owning equipment for a term of not to exceed 4 years. (Ch. 400-H. B. 808)

TEXAS

ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

Auditing, Budget, and Financial Statements

1. Requires preparation and publication of an annual financial statement for each school district, junior college district, and others in some newspaper within two months after the close of the fiscal year. (S. B. 131)

2. Requires all school districts to have an annual fiscal audit at district expense by certified public accountant. Also requires a copy to be filed with the Texas Education Agency (in lieu of treasurer's depository report). (H. B. 199)

Education Study Commission

1. Constitutes a 24-member education study committee to make a complete and comprehensive study of the citizenship of each county in the State and other matters involving curriculum, teacher supply, classroom facilities, and adequate financing and recommend any necessary action to the governor, legislature and the people. (S. C. R. 80 and H. C. R. 105)

Length of School Day

1. Permits board of trustees of school district with 10,000 or more

pupils to provide late afternoon and evening school programs and requires that public schools shall be taught 7 hours per day (including intermissions and recesses) 5 days per week and 20 days per month (unless closed by trustees as legal holidays). (S. B. 279)

Parental Responsibility

1. Authorizes owners to recover damages up to \$300 from the parent of any minor over 10 and under 18 years of age who willfully or maliciously destroys property of such owners. (H. B. 45)

Placement and Assignment of Pupils

1. Requires State board to make continuing studies of the State public education system and extends local boards powers in placing teachers and pupils and prescribes methods of appeal therefrom. (H. B. 23)

School District Reorganization

1. Provides for the annexation of certain territory contiguous to a school district until such district is abolished. (S. B. 85)

2. Outlines procedures for abolishing annexing or consolidating an elementary school district with another elementary school district. (S. B. 221)

Segregation and Desegregation

1. Prohibits boards of trustees and other school officers from abolishing the dual public school system or abolishing arrangements for the transfer of minority students to other systems outside the district, except by prior vote of the qualified electors in the district where such system is abolished. Also prescribes election procedure relating thereto. (H. B. 65)

Validating Act

1. Validates all reorganization changes, bond elections, tax elections and other items not involved in litigation or which may become involved within 45 days of this Act. (H. B. 507)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT**Bonds**

1. Authorizes that all bonds issued in the past or future may be refunded by refunding bonds regardless of whether secured by limited or unlimited taxes. Establishes interest rate and validates existing bonds. (S. B. 230)

2. Provides that the maximum tax and bond rate shall be submitted to the electorate who own property and further amends section 3, chapter 528 of 1955 Acts. (H. B. 294)

3. Authorizes junior college district to issue refunding bonds to

mature not exceeding 40 years from their date at an interest rate of 5 percent. (H. B. 551)

Investment of Surplus

1. Provides for the investment of surplus funds secured from the sale of bonds where such funds are not immediately needed and until such time as the funds are needed. (S. B. 441)

State Aid

1. Authorizes commissioner to make exception to professional units applicable to the foundation program in any district containing 100 or more square miles and fewer than one pupil per square mile. (H. B. 216)

Tax Study Commission

1. Establishes a nine-member tax study commission to make a comprehensive study of the entire State and local school system in relation to the tax system of the Federal government and to report to the legislature and governor on or before January 1, 1959. (H. B. 371)

Transfer of Funds

1. Directs State comptroller to transfer between the date of August 15 and 31, one percent of the total value of the permanent school fund to the available school fund. (H. B. 103)

HIGHER EDUCATION**Junior Colleges**

1. Authorizes governing boards of junior college districts to fix fees for students attending any classes regardless of how the building structure is financed and to use such fees derived therefrom for such further construction as the board deems advisable. (S. B. 52)

2. Provides that membership on the board of trustees will be limited to 10 members except where the assessed valuation of the original junior college district shall amount to the sum of \$200 million or the assessed value of the annexed junior college district shall amount to \$50 million. (H. B. 260)

PERSONNEL**Bribes**

1. Places heavy penalties of up to 25 years imprisonment, \$5,000 fine and forfeiture of position rights, for any State, county, or municipal officer to offer or accept a bribe to do anything illegal in his official capacity. (S. B. 166)

Duties

1. Provides that in any rural high school district with an assessed valuation in excess of \$4 million and an ADA of more than 550 students, the board may appoint a collector of taxes whose salary may not exceed 5 percent of the total

amount of taxes received by him. (H. B. 957)

2. Requires county superintendents to become budget officers in common and rural high school districts and prescribes that budgets must be filed with the Texas Education Agency and county clerk by November 1. Requires installation of standard school accounting systems. Makes violation a misdemeanor punishable by fine. (S. B. 174)

3. Requires president of board of school trustees to become budget officer for independent school districts and prescribes budgets must be filed with the Texas Education Agency and county clerk by November 1. Requires installation of standard school accounting systems. Makes violation a misdemeanor punishable by fine. (S. B. 175)

Elections

1. Provides for election of trustees in districts having 11,000 or more students and 500,000 or more population. (S. B. 182)

2. Prescribes standards for holding elections for county or district trustees. Requires candidates to file 80 days before election and prescribes for ballots and security safeguards. (H. B. 368)

3. Revises administrative procedure for the election and succession of county trustees for public free schools and high schools in each county. Provides for a five-member board of trustees to serve for a

period of 2 years each. (H. B. 696)

4. Revises administrative procedure for the election of trustees in any independent district having a school population of 30,220 or more. (H. B. 759)

Retirement and Social Security

1. Enables county board of school trustees to place all employees under old age and survivors insurance provision of the Federal Social Security Act. This applies to all employees whose salaries are paid from county administrative funds, transportation funds or other funds administered by the board. (S. B. 220)

2. Enables former members of teacher retirement system to elect to receive full former service credit by depositing all back deposits, assessments, and dues, together with interest at 2½ percent. (H. B. 441)

Salaries

1. Establishes a new minimum salary schedule for classroom teachers, based on salary per month for a 9-month period and provides \$64,205,000 to finance the program as follows: masters degree, \$381 per month (with \$6 per month added for teaching experience up to \$156 per month); bachelors degree, \$356 per month (with \$6 per month added for teaching experience up to \$72 per month); 3 years college training but less than a degree, \$293 per month (with \$6 added for

teaching experience up to \$72 per month); 2 years college training but under 3 years, \$268 per month (with \$6 added for teaching experience up to \$72 per month); and less than 2 years college, \$243 per month (with \$6 added for teaching experience up to \$72 per month). Also provides new minimums for teachers of vocational subjects, special education and exceptional children; supervisors and counselors; principals and superintendents. (H. B. 8)

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Blind Persons

1. Provides reader services for blind persons pursuing postgraduate education and appropriates funds therefor. (Ch. 26-S. B. 109)

Mentally Retarded

1. Provides a comprehensive program of training for severely mentally retarded children and confers powers upon State commissioner and local officials. For each \$5 expended by a locality, the State will reimburse to the amount of \$3 up to not more than \$300 per child per school year. \$160,000 is appropriated for this purpose. (Ch. 133-S. B. 347)

Vocational

1. Designates the State board for vocational education as the State authority to accept and administer vocational education programs in

cooperation with the Federal Government and its agencies. Appoints the State treasurer as custodian of the funds and requires the State board of education to prepare plans for administration and supervision of the several types of vocational training. This also includes standards for personnel qualifications. (Ch. 139-S. B. 404)

SCHOOL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

Building Programs—Large Districts

1. Restricts the provisions of section 1 of Chapter 123 of the 51st Regular Session of 1949 to any independent school district in the State having a scholastic population of 60,000 or more. (H. B. 917)

Property Tax

1. Authorizes any school district in a county with a population of more than 190,000, subject to the vote of property taxpaying voters, to levy additional ad valorem tax of not to exceed 50 cents per \$100 for the purpose of school building construction or repair and provided further that no bonds or indebtedness may be obligated. (H. B. 444)

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Blind Students

1. Authorizes State board to provide textbooks published in Braille for the education of blind children

in grades 1 through 12 of the public schools of the State. Places the responsibility for the examination of such text on the State textbook commission. (S. B. 456)

Exceptional Students

1. Redefines the various types of exceptional children teacher units to provide competent educational services for exceptional children in Texas between and including ages 6 and 17 for whom regular school facilities are inadequate. This includes physically handicapped and mentally maladjusted and appropriate for their education. (S. B. 70)

STUDENTS

Textbook Requisition

1. Changes administrative procedure for the requisitioning of textbooks in common school districts with 300 or more pupils. Stipulates duties of district trustees and State superintendent and establishes quotas. (H. B. 253)

Transportation

1. Eliminates a cost factor in regard to a 1949-50 transportation allocation under the foundation program. (S. B. 102)

2. Authorizes State highway commission to post signs to acquaint motorists with the law relative to the overtaking and passing of school buses while buses are loading and discharging pupils. (H. B. 76)

UTAH

ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

Audits and Records

1. Provides for biennial audits of all officers of localities concerned with the handling of monies, and prescribes the method of record keeping therefor. (Secs. 51-2-1 through 6, P. 116, School Laws)

Eminent Domain

1. Provides for the right of eminent domain for State buildings for education. (Sec. 78-34-1, P. 143, School Laws)

Reports

1. Requires all State officers, boards, and commissions to whom appropriations are made to submit to the Secretary of State a detailed report of the manner in which appropriations are expended. (Secs. 67-10-1 through 4, P. 141, School Laws)

Study Commission

1. Appropriates \$15,000 to the Utah school merit study committee from State general funds for administrative expenses. (Sec. 53-7-5c, P. 22, School Laws)

2. Creates a State Library Commission of nine members and designates its powers and duties. Pro-

vides for the establishment of a State library and library services, and appropriates \$100,000 from the general fund for the operation thereof. (Secs. 37-4-1 through 11, P. 109, School Laws)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Budget

1. Amends the procedure of district budget officers in the preparation and filing of the school district budget. (Sec. 53-20-1 and 2, P. 49, School Laws)

Federal Funds

1. Designates the State Board of Education as the State agency to receive Federal funds, provided such funds may be allocated and expended in accordance with authority and powers of the State Board. (Sec. 53-11-19, P. 36, School Laws)

Foundation Program

1. Increases the minimum and maximum amounts and percentages of the formula of the foundation program; adjusts the ratios of distribution units to certified professional personnel; defines amounts for transportation, and the State's contribution to local jurisdictions. (Sec. 53-7-5, P. 20 through 22, School Laws)

2. Appropriates \$800,000 to the uniform school fund contingent upon enactment of S. B. 33. (Ch. 10, Sec. 21, P. 131, School Laws)

General Appropriations

1. Appropriates for the support of State Government for the period beginning July 1, 1957 and ending June 30, 1959. (H. B. 242, 243, and 245. P. 128 through 131, School Laws)

State Aid

1. Provides an increase in the amount of each distribution unit in relation to levies for district schools and equalization purposes. (Sec. 59-9-2, P. 120, School Laws)

HIGHER EDUCATION

Coordinating Board of Higher Education

1. Creates a Coordinating Board of Higher Education for the State; provides for its membership, prescribes duties, and appropriates \$25,000 therefor. (S. B. 54, L. 1957, P. 96, School Laws)

Fees

1. Increases tuition fees from \$17 to \$25 per quarter and from \$25.50 to \$37.50 per semester for resident students in State institutions. Authorizes placing of fees collected to the building account when pledged to secure payment of building bonds. (Sec. 53-34-6, P. 92, School Laws)

Universities and Colleges

1. Changes the name of the Agricultural College of Utah or the State Agricultural College to Utah State University of Agriculture and Applied Science, and establishes the institution as a body politic with all property and rights of the parent institution incorporated in the new institution. (Secs. 53-32-2 and 3, P. 81, School Laws)

PERSONNEL

Elections

1. Requires Board of County Commissioners to elect members of the Board of Education every 4 years instead of every 5 years, and changes the date of such election. (Sec. 53-4-3, P. 12, School Laws)

Group Life Insurance

1. Amends group life insurance act in regard to premiums, coverage, and definitions. (Sec. 31-23-1, P. 105, School Laws)

Retirement

1. Excludes temporary and certain other members from membership in the State Retirement System. (Sec. 53-29-11, P. 65, School Laws)

2. Prescribes rights and benefits under the teachers' retirement system for those members who return to the teaching service, become disabled, or elect to have their retire-

ment reduced. (Secs. 53-29-17, 20, 23, 29, and 31, P. 67 through 71, School Laws)

3. Provides qualifications for assistance under the retirement system for employees with 15 years of service or upon becoming 65 years of age. (Secs. 53-29-41 and 43, P. 72, School Laws)

Salaries

1. Removes the salary fixing powers of the State Board in relation to Superintendent of Public Instruction, and requires that he be paid \$10,000 per annum for his services. (Sec. 53-2-8, P. 6, School Laws)

2. Authorizes school board members to increase their compensation as follows: City school districts not to exceed \$300 per annum; county school districts not to exceed \$300 per annum, and traveling expenses of \$200 per annum. (Sec. 53-6-8, P. 16, School Laws)

SCHOOL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

Bond Issues

1. Amends references to campus buildings in regard to issuance, payment, and discharge of bonds for school building construction. (Secs. 53-38-2 and 3, P. 98, School Laws)

Federal Funds

1. Empowers State Board of Education to develop plans relating to the construction of educational buildings; to enter into agreements; to accept, allocate, and dis-

burse Federal funds or other assets as may be made available. (Secs. 53-11-6 and 7, P. 32, School Laws)

State Aid

1. Provides for the operation, supervision, and control of a program for administering additional State aid to the school districts to meet their building needs. School districts must have exhausted the legal bonding limit to within 95 percent of its capacity. Appropriates \$1,500,000 therefor. (Secs. 53-11-1 through 53-11-20, P. 31 through 36, School Laws)

2. Appropriates to the State Building Board for building construction projects as follows:

Carbon College.....	\$200,000
Central Utah Vocational College.....	10,000
College of Southern Utah	200,000
Deaf and Blind School.....	27,000
Dixie College.....	200,000
Salt Lake Area Vocational College.....	100,000
Snow College.....	200,000
University of Utah.....	3,300,000
Utah State Agricultural College.....	1,750,000
Weber College.....	525,000

(S. B. 266, L. 1957)

3. Appropriates \$250,000 from the general fund to the State board of examiners for construction at the University of Utah. (S. B. 90, L. 1957)

Taxes

1. Extends for 10 years after June 30, 1957, the emergency authority of local school districts to levy a tax not to exceed 12 mills for

debt service and capital outlay for remodeling and constructing school buildings. (Sec. 53-7-8.1, 2, and 3, P. 23 and 24, School Laws)

sion of vocational rehabilitation, defining its powers and duties. (Sec. 53-17-7 through 22, P. 44, School Laws)

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Automobile Driver Education

1. Levies a new tax of \$1 on each motor vehicle operated in the State to be known as the automobile driver education tax; the funds of which will be credited to the automobile driver education tax fund. (Secs. 41-1-144 through 146, P. 112, School Laws)

2. Amends certain sections of an existing automobile driver training Act and adds certain other sections relating to establishment of classes, State reimbursement, and transfer of funds. (Secs. 53-14-12 through 19, P. 40 and 41, School Laws)

Blind

1. Creates within the Utah Commission for the Blind the position of consultant of sight conservation and prevention of blindness. (Sec. 64-3-18, P. 137, School Laws)

2. Appropriates \$12,000 to the Utah Commission for the Blind as a revolving fund for the purchase of raw materials for occupational therapy. (Sec. 64-3-18, P. 137, School Laws)

Vocational Rehabilitation

1. Repeals certain acts pertaining to vocational rehabilitation and establishes in the State Board a divi-

STUDENTS

Attendance

1. Provides that district board may under certain conditions excuse from compulsory attendance a minor who has reached the age of 16 years. (Sec. 53-24-1, P. 52, School Laws)

Playgrounds

1. Provides that authorities may designate and acquire property for playgrounds and entertainment facilities for citizens, and establishes relationship between school districts and municipalities. (Secs. 11-2-1, 2, and 6, P. 103 and 104, School Laws)

Transportation

1. Establishes minimum and maximum speed and other regulations for school buses. (Sec. 41-6-46 and 49, P. 113, School Laws)

2. Prescribes procedures for reporting accidents involving injury, death, or damage of \$100 or more. (Sec. 41-6-3, P. 112, School Laws)

3. Prescribes that the State Road Commission with the advice of the State Board of Education shall adopt and enforce regulations for the operation of school buses. (Secs. 41-6-115 and 116, P. 114, School Laws)

VERMONT

ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

Public Meetings

1. Provides that all meetings of the legislative bodies shall be open and public and provides that minutes shall be kept and available for public inspection. (S. 35, P. A. 122)

School District Reorganization

1. Requires that the vote to join a union high school district shall be by Australian ballot. (H. 112, P. A. 60)

2. Requires 30-day notice before a school board may relocate, consolidate, or close any school and if 10 percent of the voters so petition, the question must be submitted to them at a district meeting. (S. 66, P. A. 125)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Loans

1. Permits loaning without interest from school fund to the general fund on order of school directors and vice versa. Requires that the total gross school tax levy be de-

posited within 20 days after the day on which taxes become delinquent. (H. 178, P. A. 160)

State Aid

1. Changes the basis for State aid to average daily membership from average daily attendance. (H. 192, P. A. 252)

PERSONNEL

Duties

1. Provides that boards having more than three members shall elect from such board three members who shall represent them at the supervisory Union Board meetings. (H. 188, P. A. 67)

Leave

1. Authorizes 10 days sick leave each year with accumulated up to 20 days as long as the teacher is employed in the school district. (H. 72, P. A. 173)

Salaries

1. Increases the minimum salary schedule to four levels of preparation and three levels of experience as follows:

Years of college	Years of experience		
	0-4	5-9	10 and up
2	\$2,700	\$2,900	\$3,900
3	3,100	3,700	4,200
4	3,400	4,000	4,800
5	3,700	4,300	4,800

Also provides increase for salaries during the transition period and appropriates \$475,000 for the 1957-58 term and \$662,500 for the 1958-59 term. (H. 298, P. A. 282)

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Handicapped Children

1. Provides that the cost of transportation for attendance at special day classes shall be included in the education of handicapped children. This establishes a maximum of \$100 per school year for any one child and appropriates \$9,000 therefore. (S. 49, P. A. 288)

SCHOOL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

State Aid

1. Authorizes \$1,800,000 additional in bonds for school building aid and allots 80 percent to high schools. (H. 144, P. A. 295)

STUDENTS

Insurance

1. Requires board of school directors to insure against accidents to pupils on duty as safety patrols. (S. 112, P. A. 180)

Transportation

1. Modifies requirement pertaining to transportation vehicle signal lamps and heating equipment effective January 1, 1958. (H. 228, P. A. 142)

2. Requires that school buses owned by a municipality registered and pay the \$10 registration fee applicable to a school bus. (S. 51, P. A. 146)

Tuition

1. Increases from \$225 to \$325 the ceiling on the amount of high school tuition that can be paid without vote of the district. (H. 14, P. A. 38)

2. Removes the elementary school tuition ceiling of \$155 and provides a ceiling equal to per pupil cost the preceding year, excluding transportation. (H. 277, P. A. 188)

WASHINGTON

ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

Claims for Damages

1. Requires that claims for damages against cities must be filed within a prescribed time and regulates administrative procedure for filing. (Ch. 224-S. B. 35)

Purchasing and Supplies

1. Requires student authorities of universities and colleges to contract for all purchases for printing of all athletic programs, brochures, yearbook, magazines, and other publications. (Ch. 212-S. B. 118)

2. Requires persons furnishing material or rendering services to certify that such services or materials have been delivered before payment of public funds. (Ch. 77-S. B. 42)

Records

1. Prescribes for the manner of keeping, storing, and disposing of public records in the State Archives. (Ch. 246-H. B. 220)

School District Reorganization

1. Regulates procedure in district organization. (Ch. 129-S. B. 397)

2. Prescribes manner of election in voting for district reorganization. (Ch. 296-S. B. 135)

Segregation and Desegregation

1. Enacts a law against discrimination because of race, creed, color, or national origin in "any place of public resort, accommodation, assembly, or amusement." (Ch. 37-H. B. 25)

2. Provides for the jurisdiction over certain Indians upon petition of the Indian tribe to the Governor. (Ch. 240-H. B. 404)

State Department

1. Creates within the State department organization a new department of natural resources and prescribes its powers, and duties. (Ch. 38-Substitute H. B. 68)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Deficiency Appropriation

1. Appropriates for the biennium ending June 30, 1957, as follows: \$15.1 million for public assistance; \$1.4 million for public institutions; \$2.6 million for current school fund. (Ch. 18-S. B. 326)

Forest Land Revenue

1. Modifies procedures in relation to tax loans and foreclosure in rela-

tion to forest lands. (Ch. 167-H. B. 528)

General Appropriations

1. Transfers all money in the State treasury to the credit of the U. S. vocational educational account to the general fund. (Ch. 226-S. B. 381)

Taxes

1. Prescribes the manner of refunding taxes illegally collected pursuant to chapter 253, laws of 1955, and appropriates \$190,000 therefor. (Ch. 6-S. B. 18)

2. Provides for the collection of taxes on real property when such property is acquired by public bodies. (Ch. 277-H. B. 467)

3. Authorizes additional tax levy of not exceeding 5 mills for public purposes including school district and library purposes. (Ch. 32-H. B. 45)

4. Exempts elementary and secondary school districts from certain additional taxes in relation to their activity programs. (Ch. 126-S. B. 327)

5. Provides for the establishment, regulation and operation of recreational districts for public services including swimming pools. Authorizes excess levy on the property within the boundary for the operation and maintenance thereof. (Ch. 58-H. B. 66)

6. Limits the levy of real property in school districts. Places a

maximum of 40 mills aggregate limit on assessed valuation. (Ch. 262-H. B. 463)

7. Provides for a privilege tax of operating organizations, plants, or facilities for generation, distribution, and sale of electric energy; proceeds of which are in part paid to the school district. (Ch. 278-H. B. 489)

HIGHER EDUCATION

State Colleges

1. Increases the State College of Education Board of Trustees to five members. (Ch. 147-S. B. 350)

PERSONNEL

Association Dues

1. Authorizes the payment of school Directors Association dues from the General School fund. (Ch. 281-S. B. 171)

Elections

1. Prescribes the manner of electing school directors and prescribes requirements, term of office, and duties therefore. (Ch. 67-H. B. 547)

Military Leave

1. Authorizes not exceeding 15 days military leave for public employees. (Ch. 236-H. B. 124)

Retirement and Social Security

1. Authorizes the Governor to contract for Federal Social Security for public employees under the old age and survivors insurance. (Ch. 170-H. B. 810)

2. Provides for coverage of members of the teachers retirement system under the OASI. (Ch. 183-S. B. 17)

3. Clarifies terminology in regard to State employees retirement system. (Ch. 231-S. B. 887)

4. Authorizes that faculty members of universities and colleges may be included in the retirement system. (Ch. 256-H. B. 598)

5. Prescribes for boards of trustees of each of the State colleges to assist faculties in the purchase of old-age annuities or retirement income plans. (Ch. 76-S. B. 39)

6. Establishes July 1, 1957, as the effective date of OASI coverage for State employed members of the retirement system. (Ch. 222-S. B. 305)

Salaries

1. Provides for wage deductions to secure funds for distribution to charitable and service purposes. (Ch. 208-S. B. 249)

2. Increases salaries of county superintendents of schools in class A counties to \$9,200; first-class, \$8,800; second-class, \$7,000; third-class, \$6,800; fourth-class, \$5,600;

sixth-class, \$4,600; seventh-class, \$4,500; eighth-class, \$2,600; ninth-class, \$2,200; and in counties of over 500,000 population to \$12,000. (Ch. 219-Sub. H. B. 400)

SCHOOL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION**Bond Issue**

1. Appropriates \$4,700,000 for building construction at the University of Washington. (Ch. 254-Sub. H. B. 570)

Condemnation of Lands

1. Authorizes directors to condemn land for school purposes as follows: 15 acres for elementary schools; 25 acres for junior high schools; and 40 acres for senior high schools. (Ch. 155-H. B. 262)

Federal Lands

1. Provides for the director of general administration to acquire Federal surplus property for use of State institutions. (Ch. 187-S. B. 69)

Property Transfer

1. Authorizes the Department of Institutions to execute leases with option to purchase of parental school facilities now owned and operated by school districts. (Ch. 297-S. B. 224)

State Aid

1. Appropriates \$52 million for the public school building construction account for the construction of public school plant facilities. Authorizes State Board to prescribe rules governing the administration, control, and disbursement and to require local districts to show substantial effort. (Ch. 234-S. B. 311)

SPECIAL EDUCATION**Mentally and Physically Handicapped**

1. Provides a comprehensive program for the education of mentally and/or physically deficient persons. (Ch. 102-S. B. 122)

2. Prescribes for the administration and training of physically disabled persons. (Ch. 223-S. B. 357)

Vocational Education

1. Authorizes the State Board for vocational education to administer any legislation enacted by the Congress including agriculture subjects, trade and industry, distributive education, home economics, training for public service, and the rehabilitation of handicapped persons. It authorizes this board to receive and administer Federal funds. (Ch. 179-H. B. 683)

STUDENTS**Census**

1. Appropriates \$10,000 and authorizes the State Census Board to develop and maintain standard enrollment forecast including public and private elementary schools through secondary and higher education. (Ch. 229-S. B. 204)

Curriculum

1. Designates the second Wednesday in April each year as Arbor Day. (Ch. 220-S. B. 186)

Recreational District

1. Regulates public, semi-public, and private swimming pools in cities, towns, and counties. (Ch. 57-H. B. 340)

Transportation

1. Prescribes for safety devices including lighting and equipment on school buses. (Ch. 66-H. B. 382)

2. Regulates overtaking, passing, or stopping of school buses at railroad intersections. (Ch. 96-H. B. 375)

3. Prescribes fee of \$10 and the manner of granting occupational operators licenses. (Ch. 268-H. B. 444)

WEST VIRGINIA

ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

Education Study Commission

1. Directs the joint committee on Government and Finance and the Commission on Interstate Cooperation to make a study of institutions of higher education and report the needs and cost relative to a 5- and 10-year program. It provides expenses therefor. (S. C. R. 11)

2. Extends a 1955 West Virginia Commission on education and requires the commission to report findings and recommendations in 1958. (H. C. R. 24)

Parental Responsibility

1. Requires the parents of a child under 18 years of age to be held responsible for the negligence or malicious acts of the child. (Ch. 55, Act 7-a, Secs. 1 and 2)

Records

1. Provides for the microfilming of official public records and requires that they be admitted in evidence in legal proceedings. (Ch. 57, Act 1, S. 76)

State Board of Education

1. Requires State Board of Education to make a full report on

public schools and educational institutions with recommendations in regard to needed legislation on or before the beginning of each regular session of the legislature. (Ch. 18, Act 2, S. 15)

2. Requires the State Superintendent of Free Schools to complete a master file of names of persons qualified to teach in the public schools. (Ch. 18, Act. 7, S. 33)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Federal Funds

1. Any Federal funds received by the State pursuant to an act of Congress on account of flood control lands shall be disbursed by the State auditor. Fifty percent of such funds shall be sent to the County Board of Education of the county concerned for the benefit of the public schools. (Ch. 20, Act 9, S. 19)

2. Designates West Virginia University as the beneficiary of appropriations of Federal aid and gifts under the Land Grant Status Acts. (Ch. 16, Act 10, S. 3)

Taxes

1. Authorizes county boards of education to impose a personal school tax for the support of public schools of not more than \$10 on

each resident of the county 21 years of age or older. (Ch. 18, Act 5, S. 37)

2. Authorizes county boards to impose a property transfer tax of not to exceed \$2.25 for each \$500 consideration. It limits any single transfer to \$5,000 tax and prescribes administrative duties in connection therewith. (Ch. 18, Act 5, Secs. 38 through 41)

3. Adopts a proposed amendment to the State Constitution whereby tax levies on several classes of property for the support of public schools may be increased in any school district in an amount not to exceed 100 percent of its maximum rates. (S. J. R. 8)

Tax Study Commission

1. Adopts a House concurrent resolution proposing a coordinated effort on the part of the State Tax Commission and other State and local citizen advisory committees to equalize and revalue the general property of the State for tax purposes. It establishes State and county committees and prescribes their duties. (H. C. R. 8)

PERSONNEL

Appointment and Employment

1. Provides for the filling of vacancies on the district board within 30 days after such vacancy occurs. (Ch. 18, Act 5, S. 2)

2. Establishes dates of meetings, quorum, duties involving employ-

ment, and assignment of teachers. Authorizes board members to receive compensation at the rate of \$20 per meeting attended, for not more than 18 meetings a year. (Ch. 18, Act 5, S. 4)

3. Adopted an amendment to the State Constitution to be submitted to the electorate at the general election in 1958 providing for appointment of the State Board by the Governor and the selection and appointment of a State Superintendent of Free Schools by the State Board. (S. J. R. 1)

Certification

1. Authorizes the State Superintendent to issue professional certificates for a 5-year period for holders of a bachelor's degree, and professional administrative certificates for a 5-year period for applicants with a master's degree. (Ch. 18, Act 7, Secs. 15 through 30)

Elections

1. Provides for the nomination, filing of fees, and election to office of candidates in primary elections. (Ch. 3, Act 4, S. 23)

Group Insurance

1. Authorizes payroll deductions for employee participation in group insurance for West Virginia University. (Ch. 18, Act. 11, S. 5-b)

Leave

1. Authorizes the county board to establish and maintain in its ap-

nual budget a separate fund to be known as the "teachers' sick leave fund." Full-time teachers may accumulate 5 days sick leave per year, cumulative to a total of 20 days. Any unexpended balance in the fund is applied only to teachers' salaries. (Ch. 18, Act 7, S. 2-a)

Retirement

1. Provides for retirement allowances with a maximum of \$192 for members of the State Teachers' Retirement System. It limits allowances for prior service of not to exceed three-fifths of the member's average final salary, or within the limits of not less than \$1,200 nor more than \$2,500. (Ch. 18, Act 7-a, S. 26)

Security Bonds

1. Requires county superintendents of schools to give security bond of not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$3,000. (Ch. 6, Act 2, S. 10)

Term of Office

1. Provides that county superintendent of schools shall be elected by the board to serve not less than 1 nor more than 4 years, and that he shall revert to teacher's status at the expiration of his term. (Ch. 18, Act 4, S. 1)

Travel Expenses

1. Authorizes that the board may reimburse a county school superin-

tendent for travel not in excess of \$1,000 per year. (Ch. 18, Act 4, S. 9)

SCHOOL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

State Aid

1. Authorizes any county board that failed to qualify for its full share of State aid for repair and construction of public school buildings during the previous school year to qualify and apply for the same during the next school year. (S. B. 146)

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Automobile Driver Training

1. Enacts an automobile driver training education program under the State Board of Education and authorizes expenditure of school funds therefor. Requires automobile liability insurance covering vehicles used in such training. (Ch. 18, Act 2, Secs. 17 through 21)

STUDENTS

Libraries

1. Establishes the Kanawha County Public Library to service the City of Charleston and Kanawha County. It prescribes administrative procedures for the Board of Directors and provides financial support. (Ch. 21A, H. B. 161)

Scholarships

1. Creates the West Virginia Scholarship Fund for teacher trainees consisting of 100 scholarships to be distributed in counties equal to the number of House of Delegates in each county. Each scholarship shall carry a stipend of \$500 for a school year of 9 months. (Ch. 18, Act 21, Secs. 1 through 8)

State Camp and Conference Center

1. Requires the State Board of Education to establish and operate a State camp and conference center for developing leadership, character, citizenship, and patriotism for Future Farmers of America and Future Homemakers of America and other youth and educational groups and members. (Ch. 18, Act 2, S. 16)

Transportation

1. Requires that payment of personal property taxes shall be paid

before Department of Motor Vehicles will issue certificate of title on motor vehicles. (Ch. 17A, Act 3, Secs. 3a and 4)

Tuition, Fees, and Dues

1. Authorizes governing boards of State institutions to fix enrollment, tuition, registration, and other fees, including health service, infirmary, student activities, recreational, athletic, and extracurricular activities. It places a maximum limit of \$200 per semester for resident and \$500 for nonresident fees. Funds are to be invested in bonds to defray the cost of providing a student union building. (Ch. 25, Act 1-A, S. 1)

2. Authorizes governing boards of State educational institutions to establish and operate book stores. All monies to be paid into a special revenue fund. Any balance up to a sum not to exceed \$280,000 is to be expended to construct a building to house the University book store. (Ch. 25, Act 1-A, S. 5)

WISCONSIN

ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

Education Study Commissions

1. Provides that the Committee on Education of the Legislative Council shall biennially study the needs and report to the Governor its recommendations in adjusting the aid program. Requires that three members of school boards representing common school districts and union high school districts shall be members of the board. (Ch. 36)

2. Authorizes the Governor's Educational Advisory Committee to list and publish nonpublic, non-accredited, and nondenominational schools and courses. (Ch. 438)

3. Creates under the legislative council a committee to study mental health and programs for children and youth and report its recommendations to the legislative council not later than November 1, 1958. (Ch. 613)

4. Introduces a joint resolution to make an extensive study into the greater utilization of school buildings, and suggests an organization of an intermediate school district. Directs the committee to report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature at the opening of the 1959 session. (J. R. 62-A and J. R. 103-S)

Parental Responsibility

1. Requires parents to be responsible for the malicious or wanton acts of a minor child for damages to property for an amount not to exceed \$300. (Ch. 208)

Records

1. Provides for the administration and filing of local officers' oaths of office. (Ch. 110)

School District Reorganization

1. Provides procedures for the annexation of territory to districts in cities of the first class. (Ch. 195)

2. Provides administrative procedure by which counties may vacate land for a public playground. (Ch. 245)

3. Provides for the apportionment of assets and liabilities upon the transfer of property from one school district to another. (Ch. 382)

4. Codifies and clarifies the sections pertaining to school district reorganization. (Ch. 536 and Ch. 537)

5. Makes adjustment for assets and liabilities in school districts involved in consolidation. (Ch. 564)

Validating Acts

1. Repeals and amends numerous provisions of the statutes to clarify terminology and eliminate duplications and obsolete provisions. (Ch. 97)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT**Audits and Accounts**

1. Authorizes district boards to require an audit of school accounts and to pay for same out of the district funds. (Ch. 37)

Bond Issues

1. Provides administrative procedure governing equalization value, the registration of, and within State payment of municipal bonds. (Ch. 10)
2. Provides for facsimile signatures and makes other changes in the execution of municipal bonds. (Ch. 305)
3. Includes swimming pools and band shells as construction projects authorized for the issuance of municipal bonds. (Ch. 338)

Deficiency Appropriation

1. Eliminates all 1955-57 school aid prorrations and makes a deficiency appropriation of \$3,700,000 to the Department of Public Instruction. (Ch. 5)

State Aid

1. Increases the amount of State aid from \$430,000 for 1956-57 to \$990,000 for 1957-58 for county teachers' colleges. (Ch. 364)
2. Provides \$43,000 for each of the two fiscal years 1957-1959 for the State aid for vocational education and agriculture. (Ch. 402)
3. Provides considerable increases in the flat aid payments and guaranteed valuations per resident pupil in districts maintaining grades 1 through 12. (Ch. 490)
4. Requires that any surplus funds remaining in the Motor Vehicle Department after examination, licensing, and renewal shall be available to schools that operate driver training courses, and shall be based upon the per capita cost of such instruction. (Ch. 551)
5. Authorizes temporary school districts to borrow all portions of revenues due but not yet paid as security for the repayment of loans required for operating purposes. (Ch. 598)
6. Provides that kindergarten children who do not reach 6 years of age by December 1 of the school year shall not be counted in the average daily attendance for the computation of State aid. (Ch. 643)

Taxes

1. Exempts mobile homes from property tax where a special tax has been levied and other conditions. (Ch. 345)

2. Provides for the biennium 1957-59 that \$9,750,000 of an appropriation of \$75,450,000 shall be paid out of the normal income tax. (Ch. 491)

HIGHER EDUCATION

State Colleges

1. Modifies statutes affecting the board of regents of State colleges, including the operation of model schools in these colleges. (Ch. 73)

PERSONNEL

Contracts and Tenure

1. Provides that the board of any school district operating grades kindergarten through 12, or grades 9 to 12, may enter into a contract with superintendents and supervising principals for a period of not longer than three years. (Ch. 21)

2. Provides that city superintendents in the cities of the first class may be elected for an initial term of not less than 3 or more than 5 years, and for subsequent terms for 5 years, with retirement at age 70. (Ch. 20)

Dues and Fees

1. Provides that board may pay the membership fee in an organization of school boards, and the actual and necessary expenses of its representatives incurred in attending meetings of its organizations. (Ch. 33)

Employment and Appointment

1. Provides that not more than two members of the county school committee may be members of the county board. (Ch. 201)

2. Provides that school board members in certain districts may adopt laws relating to the election of school board members at the spring elections (first Tuesday in April). (Ch. 428)

3. Provides for the appointment at large of the six members of the Milwaukee County School Committee. (Ch. 320)

Health Examination

1. Repeals and recreates certain standards providing for periodic health examinations for teachers for private, parochial, and public schools. (Ch. 393)

Retirement

1. Provides for combining the teachers' retirement system and the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance, and prescribes administrative procedure and appropriates therefor. (Ch. 12, Ch. 78, and Ch. 79)

2. Prescribes that city superintendents in the cities of the first class may be elected for an initial term of not less than 3 or more than 5 years, and for subsequent terms for 5 years, with retirement at age 70. (Ch. 20)

3. Amends various sections of statutes clarifying provisions of the Wisconsin Retirement Fund. This

also is of interest to nonteaching personnel included in the municipal retirement fund. (Ch. 60)

4. Prescribes for authority to establish rules governing death benefits, termination of employment, and eligibility under the Wisconsin Retirement Fund. (Ch. 83)

5. Modifies retirement contribution rates, prior service credits, and participating earnings. (Ch. 126)

6. Authorizes members of the teachers' retirement system to use State's accumulation of deposits to purchase annuities even though the deposits are less than \$1,500. (Ch. 150)

7. Authorizes members of the teachers' retirement system to elect to receive their retirement annuity on a monthly instead of a quarterly basis. (Ch. 168 and Ch. 322)

8. Places limitations on retirement and benefits of municipal and State employees. (Ch. 179)

9. Clarifies the statutes relating to school librarians and amends other sections in regard to the retirement law. (Ch. 355)

10. Allows \$1 per month for each year of Wisconsin teaching service to any teacher who retired before January 1, 1953, and who did not qualify for benefits under the 1951 Act. (Ch. 376 and Ch. 549)

11. Provides for the creation of fixed and variable annuity divisions and other adjustments in the Wisconsin Retirement Fund. (Ch. 381)

12. Provides for the designation of beneficiaries for municipal and State employees under the Wisconsin Retirement Fund. (Ch. 387)

13. Provides that 50 percent of the annuity benefit may be a variable annuity plan based upon various conditions. (Ch. 423)

14. Transfers the investment functions of the board of trustees of the Milwaukee Retirement System to the Wisconsin Investment Board and appropriates therefor. (Ch. 430)

15. Extends the benefits of the teachers' annuity and retirement fund to substitute teachers who have taught a minimum of 100 days in cities of the first class. (Ch. 529)

16. Clarifies terminology in the Milwaukee teachers' retirement law. (Ch. 533 and Ch. 542)

17. Provides that credit for military service in computing annuities under the State Teachers' Retirement System may be granted for a maximum of 4 years military service. (Ch. 636)

18. Appropriates \$12,000 for continuing the Governor's Retirement Study Commission.

Salaries

1. Authorizes board members to vote annual salaries to the members in districts which operate schools having two departments or less (prior law requires four departments). (Ch. 117)

Surety Bonds

1. Requires treasurers of school districts to execute and file surety bonds equal to a minimum of 5 percent of the annual school budget. (Ch. 162)

SCHOOL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

Contractor's Proof of Responsibility

1. Provides that every municipality may require proof of responsibility for all bids in public work contracts in excess of \$10,000. (Ch. 319)
2. Amends above act to provide that the municipality "may require" bids of the specified amount. (Ch. 346)
3. Requires municipalities to file a financial statement involving all contracts estimated to exceed \$10,000. (Ch. 560)

"Public Building" Terminology

1. Clarifies the meaning and use of the term "public building"

State Building and Trust Fund

1. Authorizes transfer from the general fund to the State building trust fund as a depreciation reserve an amount of \$3,214,000 for each year ending July 1, 1957 and 1958, and a sum equal to 2 percent of the value of all State building structures, utility plants, and equipment therein. Revises and appropriates for the general fund executive budget bill of the 1957 legislature. (Ch. 259)

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Adult Education

1. Authorizes the creation of area vocational and adult schools by

counties, singly or jointly, with or without petition. (Ch. 224)

Physically and Mentally Handicapped Children

1. Provides for the establishment of a county handicapped children's education board in counties other than those containing a city of the first class, and prescribes certain duties therefor. (Ch. 298)
2. Provides for the collection of tuition and apportionment to districts in counties operating an educational program for handicapped children. (Ch. 338)
3. Provides that State reimbursement for homebound instruction for physically handicapped shall be one-half the cost but shall not exceed \$200 per pupil for any one year. [This raises the State aid from a previous \$100.] (Ch. 584)
4. Provides for the home instruction of mentally handicapped children between the ages of 4 and 20 years, with the cost to be paid one-half by the district of the child's residence and the remaining one-half by the State, except that the State reimbursement may not exceed \$200 per year. (Ch. 634)
5. Authorizes municipalities to transport and pay tuition of handicapped children with sight defects to day classes for kindergarten pupils in districts outside the district of residence. (Ch. 158)

Vocational Agriculture

1. Authorizes the county schools of Agriculture to admit nonresident

students and charge tuition for their attendance. (Ch. 77)

STUDENTS

Curriculum

1. Authorizes the badger as the Wisconsin State animal; the white-tailed deer the wildlife animal. (Ch. 147 and Ch. 209)

Libraries

1. Permits establishment of a county library committee in counties which do not have a county library board. (Ch. 82)

Lunches

4. Provides that boards may furnish lunches to the pupils and pay for the same out of district funds, and may also charge pupils and employees for the cost of school lunches. (Ch. 503)

Physical and Health Examinations

1. Requires that the testing of vision of school children be done by licensed optometrists. (Ch. 200)

Scholarships

1. Requires the coordinating committee for higher education to establish a State scholarship committee to provide scholarships on a statewide basis for all university and State colleges. (Ch. 635)

2. Establishes college scholarship program for Indian education and appropriates \$6,000 therefor for fiscal 1957-58, and for \$8,000 for fiscal 1958-59. (Eligibility requires Indian student to have one-fourth Indian blood.) (Ch. 450)

3. Provides for a maximum of \$500 per year or a total not to exceed \$2,500 for a scholarship for any deaf or hard of hearing person who has been a resident of the State for at least 5 years, and appropriates \$76,000 therefor. (Ch. 476 and Ch. 569)

4. Provides that the State shall pay the tuition for children attending public school of parents employed at and residing on State or Federal military camps, veterans hospitals, or State charitable or penal institutions. (Ch. 493)

Transportation

1. Provides that the statute restricting use of school buses to a 50-mile radius beyond the boundary of Wisconsin does not apply to any Wisconsin school for the deaf. (Ch. 19)

2. Provides a major revision of the State vehicle code, including regulations pertaining to school bus operation, safety signals, and drivers (Ch. 260, Ch. 514, and Ch. 340 through 349)

3. Provides for reduced and pro-rated fees for motor buses used in transportation of students of a private or public school or college. (Ch. 314)

WYOMING

ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

Purchase of Supplies

1. Creates within the State Board a revolving fund of \$10,000 for the purchase and sale of school supplies to school districts. (Ch. 115)

School District Reorganization

1. Modifies provisions regarding representation in presently organized districts and districts to be consolidated in the future. (Ch. 205)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Federal Funds

1. Authorizes the Governor, or a designated agent, to accept Federal monies or any materials or supplies made available for the use of the State. (Ch. 211)

Foundation Program

1. Changes the method of allotment of classroom units, authorizes fractional units for kindergartens, restricts tuition charges to high school program only, and makes other changes in the foundation program. (Ch. 174)

Surplus Property

1. Creates a State agency for surplus property under State superintendent, subject to the supervision of the State board to receive and distribute equipment and supplies as may be made available to the State. (Ch. 217)

HIGHER EDUCATION

Community College Districts

1. Creates a community college commission for Wyoming and provides that whenever 10 percent of the qualified voters in a district petition for annexation to a community college, an election may be called. (Ch. 214)

Universities and Colleges

1. Appropriates \$80,000 to the university for employment of teacher personnel at various junior colleges. (Ch. 200)

PERSONNEL

Duties

1. Prescribes additional duties for county superintendents and other officials in regard to record keeping and special dates during the school year. (Ch. 161)

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Employment

1. Directs the Attorney General to prepare and the State Board of Education to distribute a standard form of employment contract, and to provide for the relationship between board and employee. (Ch. 29)

Retirement

1. Provides for prior service credit of \$2.50 per year instead of \$1.50 per year which was authorized by the previous law. (Ch. 85)

2. Requires that retirement contributions plus interest be refunded to heirs when employee dies. (Ch. 93)

3. Raises the salary to \$4,200 on which retirement is paid in regard to Social Security, and reduces employer's contribution from 7 percent to $\frac{3}{4}$ of 1 percent to amortize accrued liability. (Ch. 202)

Term of Office

1. Provides for the election of a county superintendent of schools and prescribes election procedure for discontinuance of such office. (Ch. 156)

**SCHOOL BUILDING
CONSTRUCTION****State Aid**

1. Provides for State aid for emergency school construction and outlines procedure to be followed by

State Board of Education, school district trustees, Wyoming Farm Loan Board, and State treasurer. It appropriates \$1,000,000 in funds and prescribes regulations governing rental payments and repurchase of school property. (Ch. 95)

SPECIAL EDUCATION**Vocational Rehabilitation**

1. Repeals obsolete laws and includes rehabilitation legislation under one law. Outlines State powers and limitations and brings the total in conformity with necessary Federal legislation. (Ch. 225)

STUDENTS**Attendance**

1. Prescribes minimum age limits for entrance into first grade and kindergarten as follows: first grade—child must have reached 6 years of age before September 15; kindergarten—child must have reached 5 years of age before September 15. (Ch. 28)

Health and Safety

1. Establishes a joint committee on school health. Prescribes uniform policies on health education, sanitation, and medical services. (Ch. 193)

Scholarships

1. Provides 200 scholarships at \$250 each year for a high school

graduate attending a State college and enrolled in teacher's training, and appropriates \$50,000 therefor. (Ch. 114)

Transportation

1. Prescribes a uniform system of accounting and reporting of transportation expenses on a pupil-mile basis. It designates the fiscal agent as the new transportation officer and authorizes the department to prescribe policies. (Ch. 98)

Tuition

1. Requires all districts not maintaining a 4-year high school to pay tuition as required for children. (Ch. 198)

2. Permits districts to admit pupils from other districts and charge a tuition fee, and requires that tuition of not less than \$250 be charged for all out-of-State students. (Ch. 199) PS-21-59

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