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## CHAPTER 105.

## EDUCATION.

**An Ordinance to Replace the Existing Provisions Relating to Education in Sierra Leone and to make Further and Better Provision therefor.**

32 of 1953.

15 of 1957.

[4TH MAY, 1954.]

## PART I.—PRELIMINARY.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Education Ordinance. Short title.

2. In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires— Interpre-  
 “assisted school” means a school assisted by grants-in- tation.  
 aid from public funds;

“child” means any person under the age of twenty-one years;

“department” means the Department of Education of Sierra Leone;

“Director” means the Director of Education, Sierra Leone;

15 of 1957.

“employer” means an employer of teachers and includes the Government of Sierra Leone;

“Government school” means a school managed by the Department;

“Inspector” means any person authorised in writing by the Director to inspect schools;

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“Local Authority” means the City Council of Freetown constituted under the Freetown Municipality Ordinance, a District Council constituted under the District Councils Ordinance, the Rural Area Council established under the Rural Area Ordinance, and the Sherbro Urban District Council established under the Sherbro Urban District Council Ordinance;

“Local Education Authority” means a Local Education Authority established under section 13;

“manager”, in the case of a school managed by the proprietor thereof, means the proprietor; and, in the case of any other school, means the person or body of persons for the time being appointed by the proprietor to be responsible for the management of the school as the representative of the proprietor in Sierra Leone, and for the purposes of the provisions of this Ordinance relating to applications to establish or open schools includes an intended manager;

“medical inspection” means the physical examination of pupils in attendance at a school and the consideration by a School Medical Officer of all matters affecting the health of such children and includes physical examination by a School Nurse;

“Minister” means the Member of Executive Council responsible for education;

“parent”, in relation to any child, includes a guardian and every person who has the actual custody of the child;

“primary school” means a school providing a course of instruction for all or any of the first six years of the school curriculum in accordance with a syllabus approved by the Director in respect of primary schools;

“private school” means a school which receives no assistance from public funds;

“proprietor”, in relation to any school, means the person or body of persons responsible for the management of the school either directly or through a manager appointed in that behalf, and for the purposes of the provisions of this Ordinance relating to applications to establish or open schools includes any person or body of persons proposing to be so responsible;

“public funds” means Government funds or the funds of a Local Authority;

“pupil” means a person of any age for whom education is provided in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance;

“school” means an institution in which not less than ten pupils receive regular instruction and includes any assembly of ten or more pupils for the purpose of receiving regular instruction, but does not include—

(a) any institution or assembly in which the instruction is wholly or, in the opinion of the Director, mainly of a religious character;

(b) any institution owned and maintained by a religious society for the purpose of training persons for the ordained ministry or for admission to a religious order under the direction of or associated with such religious society; or

(c) any institution which is affiliated to any university in Great Britain;

“School Committee” means a School Committee appointed under section 21 or section 26, as the context may require;

“School Medical Officer” means any officer of the Medical Department of Sierra Leone and any other registered practitioner appointed by the Director of Medical Services to act as a School Medical Officer;

“School Nurse” means any person appointed by the Director of Medical Services to be a School Nurse;

“secondary school” means a school to which pupils are admitted after completing, to the satisfaction of the Director, the approved course for primary schools and providing a course of instruction in accordance with a syllabus approved by the Director in consultation with the Board of Education in respect of secondary schools.

## PART II.—CONTROL OF EDUCATION.

3. The functions of the department shall be the performance of all work necessary or incidental to the control of education by the Minister and the exercise of any powers or the carrying out

Functions of  
the depart-  
ment.

of any duties that may be specifically conferred on it by this Ordinance or by any rule made thereunder.

Powers of  
Governor in  
Council.

4. (1) The Governor in Council may from time to time from funds voted for the purpose by the House of Representatives—

(a) establish, maintain or make grants in aid of schools;

(b) establish or maintain boarding houses ancillary to schools established or maintained under this Ordinance, and make grants or loans in aid of the establishment, maintenance or repair of such boarding houses or the making of additions or alterations thereto;

Provided that in the case of assisted schools the consent of the manager shall first have been obtained;

(c) make grants in aid of such of the following institutions as are constituted and administered in a manner approved by him—

(i) public libraries and museums;

(ii) orphanages, provided that grants in aid of such institutions may include grants in aid of the inmates thereof;

(iii) institutions or organisations which, in his opinion, promote the education or health of the children of Sierra Leone;

(iv) institutions or organisations for the education of adults;

(d) make grants in aid for the provision of meals at any Government school or assisted school;

(e) provide in whole or in part for transporting children to and from any Government school or assisted school;

(f) provide for the medical inspection of children attending school;

(g) provide for the regular inspection and supervision of schools;

(h) provide for the conduct of all such examinations as are held under the supervision of the department; and

(i) make such other provision for the carrying on of public education as may be consistent with the provisions of this Ordinance.

(2) Where a Local Authority fails to provide the amount set out in a precept issued by a Local Education Authority or any part of such amount in accordance with the terms of the precept

or any rules relating thereto the Minister may authorise the provision of such amount or part thereof as the case may be out of any funds payable by Government to such Local Authority for educational purposes.

5. The Minister may from time to time from funds voted for the purpose by the House of Representatives provide bursaries— Bursaries.

(a) to assist in the education, maintenance or transport of children who are undergoing or are proceeding to undergo courses of instruction in any Government secondary school or assisted secondary school ;

(b) to assist in the education, maintenance or transport of pupils who are undergoing or are proceeding to undergo a course of training as teachers or other vocational or academic course in an institution approved by him for the purpose ;

(c) to assist in the education, maintenance or transport of pupils who are undergoing or are proceeding to undergo courses of instruction at institutions approved by him outside Sierra Leone ;

and may withdraw any such bursaries provided always that the grant or withdrawal of any bursaries shall be in accordance with and subject to the conditions prescribed by rules made under section 49.

### PART III.—BOARD OF EDUCATION.

6. (1) There shall be established a Board of Education (hereinafter called the Board) to advise the Minister in regard to matters affecting education in Sierra Leone. Establishment constitution of Board of Education.

(2) The members of the Board shall be appointed by the Governor in Council, by notification in the *Gazette*, and shall include persons who have had experience of a system of education conducted in accordance with the provisions of any law relating to education in force in Sierra Leone either before or after the commencement of this Ordinance, as well as persons with experience of a system of education not so conducted.

7. (1) The members of the Board shall hold office for three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment. Term of office of members.

(2) The Governor in Council may without assigning any reason therefor at any time revoke the appointment of any member of the Board. Power to revoke appointment.

8. The Chairman of the Board shall be the Director or an officer of the department nominated by him in that behalf. Chairman.