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EDUCATION

Handicapped Pupils and Special Schools

REGULATIONS, DATED 21ST JUNE, 1965, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION UNDER THE EDUCATION ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1947 TO 1963, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE.

The Ministry of Education, hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry", in pursuance of the powers vested in it by Sections 29, 84, 104 and 112 of the Education Act (Northern Ireland) 1947(a), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Handicapped Pupils and Special Schools Amending Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1965.

(2) These Regulations shall come into operation on 1st August, 1965.

2. The existing Regulations hereby amended are the Handicapped Pupils and Special Schools Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1957(b).

3. For Regulation 18, 18A and 19 of the existing Regulations there shall be substituted the following Regulations:—

"**18.**—(1) The school year shall be the year beginning on 1st August and ending on 31st July.

(2) A school shall be in operation for three terms in any school year; the first term shall end in December, the second in March or April and the third in June or July.

(3) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (4) and paragraph (5), a school shall be in operation during the school year for at least 200 days (exclusive of Sundays) of which not more than five days may be counted in any one week from Sunday to Saturday inclusive.

(4) Subject to the provisions of Regulation 19 the dates of school holidays shall be determined by the school authorities.

(5) A school may, at the discretion of the school authorities, be closed for a number of optional holidays, not exceeding ten days in any school year, and such optional holidays may be counted as days when the school is in operation for the purposes of paragraph (3).

(6) In exceptional circumstances the Ministry may sanction a reduction in the number of days prescribed in paragraph (3)."

"**19.**—(1) The dates of school holidays, other than optional holidays, shall, in the case of schools not under the management of a local education authority, be subject to the approval of the local education authority for the area in which the school is situated.

(2) Not later than 31st March in any year the Principal of every such school shall furnish to the local education authority, in such form as the

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(a) 1947. c. 3.
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1957, No. 153; 1959, No. 83; 1961, No. 154; 1962, No. 232; 1963, No. 49.