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A LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE BETTER MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF SECONDARY EDUCATION. A.D. 1935.
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Officer Administering the Government.

WHEREAS it is expedient that the Government should direct generally all educational policy and exercise supervision over all educational institutions in the Colony :

BE it therefore enacted :—

1. This Law may be cited as the Secondary Education Law, 1935. Short title.

2. In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires,— Interpre-
tation.

“ Director ” means the Director of Education ;

“ governing body ” means the person or body of persons exercising authority or control over a secondary school ;

“ prescribed ” means prescribed by regulations made by the Governor in Council under the provisions of this Law ;

“ school ” means any educational institution wherein more than ten pupils are taught ;

“ school year ” means a period of twelve months beginning on the first day of September in any year ;

“ secondary school ” means any school wherein pupils over the age of twelve years are taught :

Provided that a school prescribed by the Governor under the provisions of the Elementary Education Law, 1933, or any law amending or substituted for the same shall not be deemed to be a secondary school by reason solely of the enrolment therein of pupils over the age of twelve years.

PART I.
SCHOOLS.

3. There shall be kept at the office of the Director a register to be called “ the Register of Secondary Schools ” in the prescribed form, wherein shall be entered the names and prescribed particulars of all secondary schools registered under the provisions of this Law. Register of
Secondary
Schools.

Registration
of existing
schools.

4. The governing body of every secondary school in existence at the date of the coming into operation of this Law shall within one month from that date, unless in the meantime they notify the Director that such school has ceased to exist, make application for the school to be registered in the Register of Secondary Schools.

Registration
of new
schools.

5. No secondary school which is not in existence at the date of the coming into operation of this Law shall be opened, maintained or conducted unless and until it is registered under the provisions of this Law.

Application
for regis-
tration
how made.

6. Every application for registration shall be made in writing by the governing body to the Director in such form as may be prescribed and shall contain full particulars as to—

- (a) the constitution and mode of appointment or election of the members of the governing body of the school in respect of which the application is made ;
- (b) the curriculum which it is proposed to adopt and the books to be used in such school ;
- (c) the names, nationality, qualifications, salaries, terms of appointment and duties of the teachers to be employed at such school ;
- (d) the financial resources of the governing body ;
- (e) any other particulars which may from time to time be prescribed.

Requisites
for regis-
tration of
a school.

7. No secondary school shall be registered unless the Director is satisfied—

- (a) that the governing body, if not constituted under the provisions of any law in that behalf in force for the time being, is composed of persons who have a knowledge of, and an interest in, secondary education and who are in all respects fit and proper persons to have the control of a secondary school ;
- (b) that the school premises are suitable and adequate with regard to accommodation, ventilation, lighting and sanitation ;
- (c) that the number of teachers is sufficient ;
- (d) that the financial resources of the governing body are reasonably adequate for the establishment and efficient management and maintenance of the school ;

(e) that there is a reasonable need for a school with such a curriculum in the town or village in which it is proposed to open, maintain or conduct the same.

8.—(1) Where the Director decides to grant the application, he shall cause the secondary school to be registered in the Register of Secondary Schools and shall issue to the governing body of the school a certificate of registration in the prescribed form. Such certificate shall be exhibited in a conspicuous place in the school premises.

Manner of registration of school.

(2) Where the Director refuses to grant the application, he shall give to the governing body notice in writing of his refusal setting out the grounds therefor and the governing body may within fourteen days from the date of such notice appeal to the Governor in Council whose decision thereon shall be final and conclusive.

9.—(1) The governing body of every secondary school shall, during the month preceding the beginning of each school year, and also within one month after demand made in writing by the Director at any time, furnish the Director with a return in such form as may be prescribed specifying the changes, if any, which have been made or which it is proposed to make with regard to—

Annual return of changes.

- (a) the governing body ;
- (b) the teaching staff ;
- (c) the curriculum ;
- (d) the books in use ;
- (e) the school premises.

(2) Where the changes which have been made or which it is proposed to make materially alter the grounds on which the Director originally granted the application for registration, the Director may cancel the certificate of registration issued in respect of the school :

Provided that the provisions of section 8 (2) of this Law shall *mutatis mutandis* apply to any cancellation under the provisions of this section.

10.—(1) The Director, the Commissioner of the District or any officer in the public service of the Colony authorized by the Director in writing in that behalf may at all reasonable times enter and inspect any secondary school.

Inspection by education officers.

(2) The governing body and the person for the time being in charge of the school shall provide all reasonable facilities for such entry and inspection, and shall, during the

inspection and at other times, furnish the Director, the Commissioner or other inspecting officer with any information which he may require with regard to the care, tuition and attendance of pupils, the sanitary and hygienic condition of the school premises, the general management of the school, and the names, qualifications and duties of all persons employed in or in connection with the school.

Obstruction
of inspecting
officers.

11.—(1) The Senior Medical Officer or any Medical Officer or Sanitary Inspector authorized by him in writing may at all reasonable times enter any secondary school and inspect the sanitary and hygienic condition of the school premises and report thereon to the Director.

(2) The governing body and the person for the time being in charge of the school shall provide all reasonable facilities for such entry and inspection and shall, during the inspection and at other times, furnish such inspecting officer with any information which he may require with regard to the number of teachers and pupils, the accommodation provided for teachers and pupils, and the ventilation, lighting and sanitation of the school premises.

Inspection
by medical
officers.

12. Any person in charge of a secondary school who—

(a) refuses to admit or resists or obstructs the entry into the school of any officer duly authorized under this Law to inspect the school; or

(b) refuses to give such officer any information which he may properly require; or

(c) knowingly gives false information to any such officer,

shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to imprisonment not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds or to both.

Director
may require
alterations
to be made
in school
premises.

13. The Director may by notice in writing require the governing body of any secondary school to make within such time as may be specified in the notice any alterations in the school premises which he considers necessary for the health of the teachers or pupils of the school and may, if he thinks fit, order that the school premises be closed to pupils during the period specified in the notice unless in the meantime the alterations have been carried out to his satisfaction.

Director
may prohibit
use of
certain
books in
schools.

14.—(1) The Director may by notice under his hand prohibit the use in any secondary school of any book which in his opinion is seditious, immoral, educationally unsound or otherwise harmful.

(2) Any teacher in a secondary school who uses and every member of a governing body of a secondary school who knowingly permits the use therein of a book which has been prohibited by the Director under the provisions of sub-section (1) hereof shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to imprisonment not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds or to both.

15. If it is shown to the satisfaction of the Governor that—

Striking
school off
the register.

- (a) the governing body of a secondary school has failed or neglected to comply with the requirements of the Director under the provisions of section 13 of this Law, and that the school is being conducted in conditions detrimental to the health of the teachers or pupils ;
- (b) a secondary school is being or has recently been conducted in a manner subversive to good government or social order in Cyprus ;
- (c) seditious or disloyal teaching or teaching otherwise of a harmful character morally or socially is being or has recently been imparted in a secondary school ;
- (d) the school premises of a secondary school are being or have recently been used for any seditious purpose or any purpose subversive to good government or social order in Cyprus ;
- (e) the information supplied by the governing body to the Director under the provisions of sections 6, 7 or 9 of this Law was false or misleading in any material particular,

the Governor may order the Director to strike such secondary school off the Register of Secondary Schools and such school shall thereupon cease to be registered and the certificate of registration issued in respect of such school shall be deemed to be cancelled.

PART II. TEACHERS.

16. There shall be kept at the office of the Director a register in the prescribed form to be called " the Register of Secondary School Teachers " wherein shall be entered the names and prescribed particulars of all teachers registered or licensed under the provisions of this Law.

Register of
Secondary
School
Teachers.