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CHAPTER 369.

The Vocational Education Act.

1. In this Act,—

(a) "Board" shall mean and include a board of education, a board of high school trustees, and a continuation school board;

(b) "County pupils" shall mean pupils who reside or whose parents or guardians reside in a municipality or portion of a municipality forming part of the county but not within the limits of a high school district or a grade A or grade B continuation school section, in which a vocational school or department is established and maintained, but any pupils resident in a high school district, or a grade A or grade B continuation school section shall be regarded as county pupils in respect of a vocational school, or other school having a vocational department, when such school,—

(i) is reasonably accessible to such pupils while the vocational school or other school having a vocational department in the district or section in which they reside is not thus accessible, or

(ii) provides for such pupils a course of study which is not offered in the vocational school or other school having a vocational department in their own district or section;

(c) "Minister" shall mean Minister of Education;

(d) "Regulations" shall mean regulations made under the authority of The Department of Education Act or of this Act;

(e) "Resident pupils" shall mean pupils who reside or whose parents or guardians reside in municipalities within the limits of a high school district or a grade A or grade B continuation school section in which a vocational school or other school having a vocational department is established and maintained, or who are assessed or whose parents or guardians are assessed within such high school district or grade A or grade B continuation school section for an amount equal to the average assessment of the ratepayers therein. 1930, c. 64, s. 2; 1937, c. 68, s. 31.
2. This Part shall apply to all art, industrial and technical schools and courses, heretofore established under Acts of this Legislature respecting high schools and technical schools and in operation on the 24th day of March, 1911; to the industrial and art schools and courses and to the technical, the agricultural, and the commercial high schools and high school courses heretofore established under The Industrial Education Act and under the regulations; and to the vocational schools and departments hereafter established under this Part. 1930, c. 64, s. 3.

3. With the approval of the Minister, a high school board, a board of education, or a continuation school board of any municipality or school section may provide for duly admitted pupils in the following classes of vocational schools:

1. Industrial schools and departments.
2. Home-making schools and departments.
3. Art schools and departments.
4. Technical high schools and departments.
5. Agricultural high schools and departments.
6. Commercial high schools and departments.

1930, c. 64, s. 4.

4. Subject to the regulations or with the approval of the Minister, courses of instruction in the vocational schools provided for in this Part may include:

(a) General full-time day school courses of instruction.
(b) Special full-time day school courses of instruction.
(c) Part-time day school courses of instruction.
(d) Evening school courses of instruction.

1930, c. 64, s. 5.

5. (1) Pupils who may be duly admitted under the regulations to a day high school may be admitted to any of the vocational schools or departments provided for in this Part.

(2) For admission to a general full-time day course of instruction in a commercial or a technical high school or department, applicants shall hold certificates qualifying them for admission to a day high school.
(3) Subject to the regulations and on the report of the principal approved by the advisory committee, pupils of at least the standing of the fourth form of the public and separate schools may be admitted to,—

(a) a general, special, or part-time course of instruction in an industrial, home-making, or art school or department;

(b) a general, special, or part-time course of instruction in an agricultural high school or department;

(c) a special or a part-time course of instruction in a commercial or technical high school or department.

(4) Workmen or workwomen employed during the day may be admitted to a vocational evening school or course subject to the regulations and on the report of the principal, approved by the advisory vocational committee, that they are competent to receive instruction therein.

(5) Subject to the regulations, pupils of thirteen years of age and over, who have been in attendance in auxiliary training classes, or who are eligible for admission to such classes, may, with the approval of the Minister and upon an examination conducted subject to his direction, be admitted to special industrial classes established by a board for the purpose of giving vocational instruction to such pupils where it is found that they may be benefited by it.

(6) With the approval of the Minister, the board may arrange for the instruction in any school controlled by a high school board, continuation school board or board of education in Ontario, of pupils who desire to take courses which are not provided by the board, and who are the children of ratepayers in the school district for which the board is appointed, and may pay the fees and transportation expenses of such pupils while attending such courses.

(7) No fees shall be payable by pupils who, under the provisions of this Act, have a right to attend a vocational school for instruction in the following courses of study:

(a) General or special full-time day school courses;

(b) Part-time special courses for apprentices and employed adolescents. 1930, c. 64, s. 6.

(8) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 7, no pupil who having completed the fourth form course in a public or separate school has attended any other school or schools for six years shall after the expiration of such six years be entitled to attend a vocational school except upon
payment of such fees as may be prescribed by the board, but such fees shall not be greater than the average cost per pupil for education in such vocational school. 1933, c. 58, s. 36.

6. Where, in accordance with the regulations, one or more schools or departments to which this Part applies, are established by a board, the said schools or departments shall be under the management and control of an advisory vocational committee appointed by the board. 1930, c. 64, s. 7, amended.

7. The advisory vocational committee provided for in section 6 shall be composed of eight or twelve persons, as the board may direct, the members of which shall be appointed by the board as follows:

(1) When the number of persons is eight:

(a) The chairman and three other members of the board, including the representative, if any, appointed by the board of public school trustees, the representative appointed by the board of separate school trustees, and one of the representatives, if any, appointed by the county council, and where a board of education is established, the chairman and three other members of the board, one of whom shall be the representative, if any, appointed by the separate school board, and another of whom shall be one of the representatives, if any, appointed by the county council;

(b) Two persons, not members of the board, who are engaged as employees in the manufacturing, agricultural, commercial, or other industries carried on in the local municipality or in the county or district in which the school is situate; and

(c) Two other persons, not members of the board, who are employers of labour or directors of companies employing labour in manufacturing, agricultural, commercial, or other industries carried on in the local municipality or in the county or district in which the school is situate. 1930, c. 64, s. 8, par. (1); 1933, c. 58, s. 37 (1).

(2) When the number of persons is twelve:

(a) The chairman and five other members of the board, including the representative, if any, appointed by the board of public school trustees, the representative appointed by the board of separate school trustees and one of the representatives, if any, appointed by the county council, and where a board of education is established, the chairman and five other members of
the board, one of whom shall be the representative, if any, appointed by the separate school board and another of whom shall be one of the representatives, if any, appointed by the county council;

(b) Three persons, not members of the board, who are engaged as employees in the manufacturing, agricultural, commercial, or other industries carried on in the local municipality or in the county or district in which the school is situate; and

(c) Three other persons not members of the board, who are employers of labour or directors of companies employing labour in manufacturing, agricultural, commercial, or other industries carried on in the local municipality or in the county or district in which the school is situate. 1930, c. 64, s. 8, par. (2); 1933, c. 58, s. 37 (2).

8. Where a board of education has been established and the board of separate school trustees has not appointed a member of such board, the board of education shall appoint from among its members a representative or representatives to complete the number of representatives of the board on the advisory committee constituted under section 7 and the member so elected shall hold office until the expiry of the period for which he was elected or appointed to the board of education. 1930, c. 64, s. 9.

9.—(1) The first members of the advisory committee shall be appointed at the meeting of the board at which a school or department is established for which the advisory committee is to be appointed under this Part.

(2) The members appointed under clause a of subsection 1 or in subsection 2 of section 7 shall hold office until the expiry of the period for which they were elected or appointed to the board.

(3) The term for which the other members of the committee shall respectively hold office shall be fixed by the board but shall not exceed three years.

(4) The board, at its first meeting in each year after the establishment of the school or department, shall appoint a sufficient number of members from each class to fill the vacancies caused by the expiry of the term of office of members appointed from that class.

(5) Every vacancy upon a committee occasioned by death, removal or other cause shall be filled by the appointment by the board of some person from the class in which the vacancy.
occurs, and every person so appointed shall hold office for the unexpired portion of the term of the member whose seat has become vacant.

Quorum.

(6) The presence of a majority of the members constituting a committee shall be a quorum at any meeting, and a vote of the majority of such quorum shall be necessary to bind a committee.

Chairman voting.

(7) On every question other than the election of a chairman the chairman or presiding officer of the committee may vote with the other members of the committee, and any question on which there is an equality of votes shall be deemed to be negatived. 1930, c. 64, s. 10.

Co-opted members.

10.—(1) The advisory committee may, at a meeting which has been specially called for that purpose and of which notice has been given in writing to all the members, appoint such additional members, hereinafter called co-opted members, as it may deem advisable, and members of the board may be so appointed, but an equal number of the persons so appointed shall be chosen from each of the classes mentioned in clauses b and c of subsection 1 and in subsection 2 of section 7.

Tenure of office.

(2) The term for which co-opted members of the committee shall respectively hold office shall be fixed by the committee, but shall not exceed three years. 1930, c. 64, s. 11.

Qualifications of members.

11. The members of the advisory committee appointed under this Part, including co-opted members, shall be British subjects, and shall be persons who, in the judgment of the board, are specially competent to give advice and other assistance in the management of the school or department under the charge of the committee. 1930. c. 64, s. 12.

Powers of committee subject to approval of Minister and board.

12.—(1) Subject to the approval of the Minister and the board, the advisory committee shall have authority to provide a suitable site and building and suitable equipment or to arrange for conducting the school or department in a high, public, separate or continuation school building or other building in the municipality, and to prescribe courses of study and provide for examinations and diplomas. 1930, c. 64, s. 13 (1).

Purchase of books and supplies by committee.

(2) Subject to the approval of the board, the committee may purchase for the use of any or all pupils textbooks and other school supplies, and either furnish the same to them free of charge or collect for the use thereof from such pupils or their parents or guardians a sum not exceeding twenty-five cents per month for each pupil to defray the cost thereof. 1934, c. 52, s. 19.
(3) Subject to the approval of the board, the committee shall select teachers and determine a schedule of salaries, report on every school or department under its charge, fix the fees payable by pupils in attendance, submit annually to the board at such date as the board may prescribe an estimate of the amount required to carry on the work of the school or department during the year, and generally do all other things necessary for carrying out the objects and intent of this Part with respect to any school or department under its management and control. 1930, c. 64, s. 13 (2); 1936, c. 55, s. 52 (1).

(4) The board shall not refuse its approval of any report of the advisory committee without having given the committee an opportunity to be heard before the board and before any committee thereof to which such report may be referred by the chairman of the advisory committee or by another member of the advisory committee appointed for that purpose.

(5) The secretary and other officers of the board shall be officers of the officers of the advisory committee. 1930, c. 64, s. 13 (3, 4).

(6) Subject to the approval of the Minister and the board, the advisory committee may appoint one or more officers with qualifications approved by the Minister to bring to the attention of employers and employees the work of the schools or departments, and to make the necessary arrangements between employers, employees, and the schools or departments for the conduct of part-time or co-operative classes, and, in general, to act as a co-ordinating officer between the local industries and the schools or departments, and every such person so appointed shall be subject to the control of the advisory committee.

(7) Subject to the approval of the Minister and the board, the advisory committee may appoint one or more officers qualified according to the regulations to collect and distribute information regarding available occupations and employments, and to offer such counsel to the pupils of the schools under the charge of the advisory committee as will enable them to plan intelligently for their vocational and educational advancement, and every person so appointed shall be subject to the control of the advisory committee. 1930, c. 64, s. 13 (5, 6); 1936, c. 55, s. 52 (2).

13.—(1) Subject to the regulations the estimates of the committee of the cost of establishing, equipping and maintaining the school or department under its management and control, when and so far as they have been approved by the board.
shall be included in the estimates of the board submitted to the council of the municipality for the year.

(2) Subject to the regulations, the cost of establishing, equipping, furnishing, and maintaining, and of making additions, alterations or permanent improvements to every school established under section 3 or under The Industrial Education Act, being chapter 79 of the Acts passed in the 1st year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Fifth, shall be provided for in the same manner as in the case of a high school. 1930, c. 64, s. 14 (1, 2).

(3) The cost of education of county pupils to be paid by the council of a county shall be calculated, ascertained and paid in the same manner, mutatis mutandis, as is provided in subsections 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of section 35 and section 36 of The High Schools Act and as part of the county rates shall be levied in the following manner.—

(a) fifty per centum of the said cost by a levy upon and against the whole rateable property of the county according to the last revised equalized assessment of the municipalities forming part of the county;

(b) the remaining fifty per centum by a levy upon and against the whole rateable property of the municipalities or portions of municipalities in which county pupils or their parents or guardians reside in the proportion that the days' attendance for the preceding year of county pupils who reside or whose parents or guardians reside in each such municipality or portion of a municipality bears to the total days' attendance for such year of all county pupils the cost of whose education is to be borne by the council of the county.

(4) Where county pupils from a county are attending a vocational school in a city or town situated in such county but separated therefrom for municipal purposes, or are attending a vocational school in a municipality in an adjacent county whether separated therefrom or not, and such school has been declared open to such county pupils in the manner provided in The High Schools Act, the cost of education to be paid by the council of the county shall be calculated, ascertained, levied and paid in the manner provided in subsection 3. 1937, c. 68, s. 32.

(5) Where not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, The Boards of Education Act and The High Schools Act shall apply in all matters concerning the operation and management of a vocational school or department, the property in connection therewith, the employment and retirement of
teachers and other persons employed in such vocational schools or departments, and in any other matters whatsoever. 1936, c. 55, s. 53 (2).

14. Subject to the regulations the Minister shall apportion all sums of money appropriated by this Legislature for the establishment and maintenance of schools or departments to which this Part applies. 1930, c. 64, s. 15.

15. The regulations may provide as to any class of schools or departments for the qualifications of teachers, the courses of study, the character of the site, accommodations, and equipment, the maximum and minimum fees that may be charged to pupils, and generally as to any matter relating to the conduct and efficiency of the schools and departments not herein expressly provided for. 1930, c. 64, s. 16.

16. Subject to the approval of the Minister, the advisory committee may also establish and conduct special evening courses in any centre in the county outside of the district over which it has jurisdiction. 1930, c. 64, s. 17.

PART II.

PROVINCIAL TECHNICAL SCHOOLS.

17. The Minister, with the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, may establish, maintain, conduct and control schools for technical training required in any branches of industry or may enter into an agreement with any organization in the interest of any branch of industry for that purpose. 1930, c. 64, s. 18.

18. The cost of establishing and maintaining a school established under this Part shall be borne and paid out of moneys appropriated by this Legislature or received from the Dominion Government for the purposes of technical education and out of any moneys contributed by any organization under an agreement made in pursuance of section 17 or under the regulations. 1930, c. 64, s. 19.

19. Every school established under this Part shall be maintained and conducted by a board to be appointed or elected in the manner provided by the regulations, and such regulations may provide for the representation upon the board of any organization of employers or employees in the particular branch of industry for which the school is established. 1930, c. 64, s. 20.
Regulations.

20. The Minister, with the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, may make regulations for the establishment, organization, government, courses of study and examination of technical schools established under this Part, and generally the Minister and the Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall have and may exercise with respect to any such school the powers conferred by *The Department of Education Act* with respect to technical schools. 1930, c. 64, s. 21.

PART III.

JOINT VOCATIONAL SCHOOL BOARDS IN SPECIAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

21.—(1) The Minister, upon the application of the boards of two or more municipalities made with the approval of the councils of such municipalities, may establish and designate the municipalities as a vocational school district for the purposes of this Act.

(2) Where no board exists in a municipality, the application in respect of such municipality may be made by the board of public school trustees and the board of separate school trustees of the municipality, or if in such municipality there is only a board either of public school trustees or separate school trustees, the application may be made by such board.

(3) A vocational school district established under this section shall be known by such name as may be designated by the Minister. 1931, c. 71, s. 15, part.

22.—(1) There shall be appointed for every vocational school district established under section 21 a joint board of trustees to be known as "The ................ Vocational School Board," composed of three members from each of the municipalities within the vocational school district and appointed in the following manner:

(a) In a municipality having a board, the three members shall be appointed by such board, two of the appointees to be members of the board;

(b) In a municipality having no board but having a public school board and a separate school board, two members shall be appointed by the public school board, one of whom shall be a member of the said board, and one member by the separate school board who shall be a member of that board;
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(c) In a municipality having no board and having a public school board only, three members shall be appointed by the said board two of whom shall be members of such board;

(d) Where a vocational school district is composed of municipalities, any one or more of which is not separated from the county, the county council shall appoint three members to the vocational school board.

(2) The third member to be appointed under clauses (a), (b) and (c) and the three members to be appointed under clause (d) shall be British subjects of the full age of twenty-one years, who are interested in the development of vocational education and are engaged in either the manufacturing, agricultural, commercial or other industries of the municipality which they represent.

(3) All appointees under subsection 1 shall hold office for one year. 1931, c. 71, s. 15, part.

23. The board so created shall have the powers of the boards of education, high school boards, continuation school boards and the public and separate school boards for the said vocational school district for the purposes of this Act, and shall be a corporation by the name of "The .............. Vocational School Board." 1931, c. 71, s. 15, part.

24.—(1) The council of any municipality included within the district on the application of the board, may pass a by-law for borrowing money by the issue and sale of debentures for the purchase of a site and the erection of a school, and for the extensions, equipment, improvements, repairs or furnishings, and it shall not be necessary that the by-law shall be submitted to the electors for their assent, but if the council of any of the municipalities refuses to pass such by-law it shall if requested by the board, submit the same to a vote of the electors qualified to vote on money by-laws under The Municipal Act, and on the assent of such electors being obtained shall finally pass the by-law and issue such debentures if the other municipalities are likewise providing their share.

(2) The debentures may be for such amount and run such number of years, not exceeding thirty, as the council may see fit.

(3) The amounts to be raised respectively by the council of each municipality in the vocational school district for the said purposes shall be the proportion that the last revised assessment of such municipality, multiplied by the population,
as determined by the last enumeration of the assessors, bears to the total assessment of the municipalities comprising the vocational school district, multiplied by the total population of such municipalities, as similarly determined. 1931, c. 71, s. 15, *part.*

**25.** The municipal councils comprising a vocational school district shall contribute to the maintenance of a vocational school erected under the provisions of section 24 in the same proportion as is provided in subsection 3 of the said section for the purposes enumerated in subsection 1 thereof, and each council forming part of a vocational school district upon the request of the vocational school board within such district shall levy and collect in each year within its municipality in the same manner as other municipal taxes, the amounts determined by the vocational school board as necessary for the said purpose. 1931, c. 71, s. 15, *part.*