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CHAPTER 272.

An Act respecting Special Classes.

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as *The Special Classes Act*.

Establishment of special classes for backward or defective children.

2. The board of education or the board of public school trustees or the board of separate school trustees of any city may establish and conduct in connection with any school building or in a separate school building provided for that purpose special classes for children

(a) who are backward or abnormally slow in learning;

(b) who from physical or mental causes require special training and education;

and subject to the regulations made by the Minister of Education may cause a register of such children to be made and may provide teachers and suitable appliances, books and furniture for such classes. 1 Geo. V. c. 78, s. 1.

How admission obtained.

3. Children may be admitted to such special classes upon the application of their parents or guardians and upon the report of the Inspector and the principal of any school at which they are in attendance. 1 Geo. V. c. 78, s. 2.

Medical inspection.

4. The board may provide for medical inspection by a duly qualified medical practitioner of the children attending special classes, and upon the recommendation of the medical inspector may provide for medical treatment being given to any child who appears to the medical inspector to require the same and whose parents are unable from poverty or other cause to provide adequately for the treatment of the child. 1 Geo. V. c. 78, s. 3.

Duty of School Boards as to health and treatment of child.

5. It shall be the duty of a board which has established special classes under this Act to provide for the proper supervision of the health and treatment of every child attending a special class, and for this purpose to direct the medical inspector or such officer as the board may appoint to visit the children in their homes and to consult and advise with the parents of the children as to their treatment in their homes and the conditions which will best enable the children

to attain a normal degree of intelligence and education. 1 Geo. V. c. 78, s. 4.

6. Subject to the approval of the Minister the board may provide a special course of study for children attending the special classes established under this Act. 1 Geo. V. c. 78, s. 5.

7. The Minister of Education may from time to time make Regulations for the administration and enforcement of this Act and for the establishment, organization, government and examination and inspection of special classes and for prescribing the accommodation and equipment of school rooms or buildings and the arrangement of school premises for special classes. 1 Geo. V. c. 78, s. 6.

8. Subject to the Regulations the Minister shall annually apportion among the special classes all sums of money appropriated as a special grant therefor. 1 Geo. V. c. 78, s. 7.