

School Attendance.

AMENDING REGULATIONS, DATED 6TH SEPTEMBER, 1929, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, NORTHERN IRELAND, UNDER PART VI, SECTIONS 30 TO 35, OF THE EDUCATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923 (13 AND 14 GEO. 5, CH. 21), AND PRESENTED TO BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT IN PURSUANCE OF SECTION 99 (3) OF THAT ACT.

1929. No. 91.

Whereas by sub-section (1) of Section 99 of the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1923, it is enacted that the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as "The Ministry") may make all such regulations as are required to be made by it under the Act, or as appear to the Ministry to be necessary or proper for giving full effect to the Act; and any such regulation shall, except as in the said Section provided, have effect as if enacted in the Act, but may be varied or revoked by a subsequent regulation;

And whereas by sub-section (3) of Section 99 of the Act it is enacted that regulations made by the Ministry, other than regulations to which sub-section (2) of that section applies, shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament as soon as may be after they are made, and, if an address is presented to the Governor of Northern Ireland by either of those Houses within ten days on which that House has sat next after any such regulations are laid before it, praying that the regulations may be annulled, the said Governor may thereupon by Order in Council annul the same, and the regulations so annulled shall forthwith become void, but without prejudice to the validity of anything which in the meantime may have been done thereunder;

And whereas the Ministry duly made the "Education (School Attendance) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1926" (Statutory Rules and Orders of Northern Ireland, 1926, No. 50, hereinafter referred to as the "Principal Regulations") under the aforesaid powers on the 21st day of May, 1926, for giving full effect to the school attendance provisions (Part VI, sections 30 to 35) of the said Education Act.

And whereas it is expedient to revoke Section 5 (b) of the said Principal Regulations and to amend the same by substituting therefor the amended Section 5 (b) hereinafter appearing.

Now, therefore, the Ministry, in exercise of the powers hereinbefore mentioned and all other powers thereunto enabling, hereby revokes the said Section 5 (b) of the Principal Regulations and substitutes therefor in the said Principal Regulations the following amended Section 5 (b):—

1. "The time for which the parent of any child aforesaid shall cause such child to attend school on each of the days aforesaid shall be—

- (i) in the case of a child attending a Preparatory, Intermediate or Secondary School, the time prescribed for an attendance in Article 30 of Statutory Rules and Orders of Northern Ireland, 1926, No. 30, as amended by Article 3 of Statutory Rules and Orders of Northern Ireland, 1927, No. 24, or in any Order duly made by the Ministry of Education altering or amending the same ;
- (ii) in the case of a child attending a Public Elementary School, the time prescribed for an attendance in Article 34 of Statutory Rules and Orders of Northern Ireland, No. 57, 1929, or in any Order duly made by the said Ministry altering or amending the said Article ;
- (iii) in the case of a child attending any other school, not less than three hours of secular instruction for pupils of nine years of age and under and not less than four hours of secular instruction in the case of pupils over nine years of age ;

Provided that in any case where it is permissible for a pupil on any day on which the school is in operation to attend during school hours at any place for any purpose approved by the Ministry the time occupied in making such attendance shall count for the purposes of these Regulations."

2. From and after the date of these Amending Regulations the foregoing Amending Regulations shall be taken as forming part of Section 5 of the Principal Regulations and as being (b) thereof and as being in lieu of the former paragraph (b) hereby revoked.

3. These Amending Regulations may be cited as the Education (School Attendance) Amending Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1929, and shall come into force and operation on the First day of October, 1929.

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland, this 6th day of September, 1929.

(L.S.)

A. N. Bonaparte Wyse,
Secretary.

APPENDIX.

The terms of Article 30 of Statutory Rules and Orders of Northern Ireland, 1926, No. 30, as amended by Article 3 of Statutory Rules and Orders of Northern Ireland, 1927, No. 24 ; and of Article 34 of Statutory Rules and Orders of Northern Ireland, 1929, No. 57 (" Regulations for Recognition, Management, Inspection, &c., of Public Elementary Schools, 1929 "), referred to in the foregoing Amending Regulations, are as follows :—

Article 30, S.R. & O., N.I., 1926, No. 30, as amended by Article 3 of S.R. & O., N.I., 1927, No. 24—

“The names of all pupils must be entered in Attendance Books supplied by the Ministry and the attendances marked in accordance with the regulations furnished therewith.

Attendance on any day shall mean, in the case of pupils of the age of 10 years and over, that the pupil shall have been present under instruction in the school for not less than 4 hours, and, in the case of pupils under the age of 10, that the pupil shall have been under instruction in the school for not less than 3 hours, provided that on a day which is a school half-holiday attendance under instruction for not less than 2 hours shall suffice in the case of all pupils.

Provided that the attendance of a pupil at an examination conducted by the Ministry may be deemed to be an attendance at the secondary school at which he is enrolled and may be entered in the attendance book of that school as an attendance for the purpose of these regulations.”

Article 34, S.R. & O., N.I., 1929, No. 57—

“(a) Except as provided for under (b) of this rule an ‘attendance’ means presence at secular instruction during at least four hours; and a ‘half-attendance’ means presence at secular instruction for not less than two hours during a meeting.

(b) In schools which are not infants’ schools and in which there is not a regularly organised infants’ department, the minimum time constituting an ‘attendance’ for pupils enrolled in infants or first standard may be reduced from four hours to three hours, and the minimum time constituting a ‘half-attendance’ may be reduced from two hours to one hour and a half. This rule does not exempt any teacher from attending for the full school time.”

Secondary Teachers.

REGULATIONS, DATED 28TH MAY, 1929, MADE BY THE
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, NORTHERN IRELAND, UNDER
SECTIONS 65, 69 AND 77 OF THE EDUCATION ACT (NORTHERN
IRELAND), 1923 (13 & 14 GEO. 5, CH. 21), AFTER CON-
SULTATION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND LAID
BEFORE PARLIAMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS
OF SECTION 99 (2) OF THE ACT AFORESAID.

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DEFINITIONS.

1. For the purpose of these regulations, unless otherwise stated or unless the context otherwise requires:—

- (a) “The Act” is the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1923 and any Act amending that Act.
- (b) “The Ministry” is the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland.
- (c) An “education authority” is an education authority for the purposes of the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1923, and includes any council of an urban county district acting as an education authority under Part IV of that Act and any committee of an education authority or of such council which has the power of appointment and employment of teachers in recognized preparatory, intermediate, secondary or technical schools.