

Rules, etc., to be made.

Proviso.
Government operated routes not interfered with.

SEC. 5. That the Postmaster General may make such rules, regulations, and orders as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act: *Provided*, That nothing in this Act shall be construed to interfere with the postage charged or to be charged on Government operated air-mail routes.

Approved, February 2, 1925.

February 3, 1925.

[S. 1199.]

[Public, No. 360.]

CHAP. 133.—An Act Authorizing the appointment of William Schuyler Woodruff as an Infantry officer, United States Army.

Army.
William Schuyler Woodruff may be appointed an officer of Infantry.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be, and hereby is, authorized to appoint William Schuyler Woodruff, formerly a captain of Infantry, United States Army, an officer of Infantry, United States Army.

Approved, February 3, 1925.

February 4, 1925.

[S. 2842.]

[Public, No. 361.]

CHAP. 140.—An Act To provide for compulsory school attendance, for the taking of a school census in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

District of Columbia.
Compulsory school attendance.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

ARTICLE I.—COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Resident children of 7 to 16 to have instruction during school year.

SECTION 1. Every parent, guardian, or other person residing permanently or temporarily in the District of Columbia who has custody or control of a child between the ages of seven and sixteen years shall cause said child to be regularly instructed in a public school or in a private or parochial school or instructed privately during the period of each year in which the public schools of the District of Columbia are in session: *Provided*, That instruction given in such private or parochial school, or privately, is deemed equivalent by the Board of Education to the instruction given in the public schools.

Proviso.
Private instruction accepted.

SEC. 2. Any child between the ages of fourteen and sixteen years who has completed satisfactorily the eighth-grade course of study prescribed for the public elementary schools of the District of Columbia, or a course of study deemed by the Board of Education equivalent thereto, may be excused by the superintendent of schools from further attendance at school under the provisions of this Act, provided he is actually, lawfully, and regularly employed.

Excused for employment after completing 8th grade, etc.

Certificate if mentally or physically unfit.

SEC. 3. The Board of Education of the District of Columbia may issue a certificate excusing from attendance at school a child who, upon examination ordered by such board, is found to be unable mentally or physically to profit from attendance at school: *Provided*, however, That if such examination shows that such child may benefit from specialized instruction adapted to his needs, he shall attend upon such instruction.

Proviso.
Special instruction to be provided.

Absence without valid excuse unlawful.

SEC. 4. The Board of Education shall define in its rules and regulations valid excuses for absence from school, and the absence of a child between the ages of seven and sixteen years for any reason other than so defined as valid shall be unlawful.

Daily record of attendance to be kept by teachers.

SEC. 5. An accurate daily record of the attendance of all children between the ages of seven and sixteen years shall be kept by the teachers of every public, private, or parochial school and by every teacher giving instruction privately. Such record shall at all times

Inspection, etc.