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Handicapped Pupils and Special Schools

REGULATIONS, DATED 1ST MAY, 1959, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION UNDER THE EDUCATION ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1947 TO 1958, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE.

The Ministry of Education in pursuance of the powers vested in it by Sections 29, 104 and 112 of the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1947, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Handicapped Pupils and Special Schools (Amending) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1959, and shall come into operation on the date hereof.

2. The existing Regulations hereby amended are the Handicapped Pupils and Special Schools Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1957(a).

3. There shall be inserted after Regulation 18 of the existing Regulations the following Regulation:

"**18A.** A school shall be in operation for three terms in any school year; the first term shall end in December, the second in March or April and the third in June or July."

4.—(1) Paragraph (2) of Regulation 21 of the principal Regulations shall be amended by inserting after the word "that" and before the word "there" the words "so far as is practicable".

(2) Paragraph (3) of Regulation 21 of the principal Regulations shall be amended by inserting after the word "that" and before the word "alternative" the words "so far as is practicable".

5. Paragraph (1) of Regulation 24 of the principal Regulations shall be amended by inserting after the words "blind or deaf" the words "or partially deaf".

6. To Regulation 31 of the existing Regulations there shall be added the following paragraph:

"(7) The period of absence determined under paragraph (1) may be reduced in any case where the school authorities and the Ministry are satisfied that the circumstances are so exceptional as to warrant such a reduction."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this 1st day of May, nineteen hundred and fifty-nine, in the presence of

(L.S.) *Leslie Arndell,*
Assistant Secretary.

(a) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1957, No. 153.