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APPROVAL, NOTES OF HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, MUSKINGUM COUNTY—\$89,000.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, February 4, 1930.

Retirement Board, State Teachers Retirement System, Columbus, Ohio.

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DETENTION HOME—HOW SUPERINTENDENT TO BE PAID FOR SUSTENANCE OF CHILDREN.

SYLLABUS:

The superintendent of the detention home cannot be allowed a fixed amount per meal for the sustenance of the children in the home, but on the other hand allowances may be made only for the actual sums expended for such purposes.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, February 4, 1930.

Bureau of Inspection and Supervision of Public Offices, Columbus, Ohio.

GENTLEMEN:—Acknowledgment is made of the receipt of your recent communication which reads:

“Section 1670 of the General Code with reference to detention homes in counties having a population in excess of 40,000, provides that the compensation of the superintendent and matron and the expense of maintaining the home shall be paid from the county treasury on the warrant of the county auditor, which shall be issued upon itemized vouchers sworn to by the superintendent and certified to by the judge.

Question: May the superintendent of the detention home be paid a fixed amount, such as 25c per meal for the sustenance of the children in the home, or can he only be paid the actual cost of such sustenance?”

The pertinent part of Section 1670 of the General Code, as last amended (113 O. L. 530), which is necessary to be considered in connection with your inquiry, reads:

“In counties having a population in excess of forty thousand, the judge may appoint a superintendent and matron who shall have charge of said home, and of the delinquent, dependent and neglected minors detained therein. Such superintendent and matron shall be suitable and discreet persons, qualified as teachers of children. Such home shall be furnished in a comfortable manner as nearly as may be as a family home. So far as possible delinquent children shall be kept separate from dependent children in such home. The compensation of the superintendent and matron shall be fixed by the county commissioners. Such compensation and the expense of maintaining the home shall be paid from the county