and any amendments to either or both of said Acts, shall not apply to bonds authorized to be issued by this Act.

Federal instrumentality.

SEC. 14. The bridge or bridges purchased or constructed under the authority of this Act shall be deemed to be Federal instrumentalities for interstate commerce, the postal service, and military and other purposes authorized by the Government of the United States, and said bridge or bridges and the income derived therefrom shall be exempt from all Federal, State, municipal, and local property and income taxation.

Tax exemption.

Jurisdiction.

SEC. 15. Upon complaint of the attorney general of the State of Iowa or the attorney general of the State of Illinois or upon complaint of any other party in interest the United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa shall have jurisdiction over the commission with respect to the enforcement and prevention of violation of the provisions of this Act.

Reservation.

SEC. 16. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved July 26, 1956.

Public Law 812 CHAPTER 744

July 26, 1956
[H. R. 8149]

AN ACT

To amend the Act of April 1, 1942, so as to permit the transfer of an action from the United States District Court for the District of Columbia to the municipal court for the District of Columbia at any time prior to trial thereof, if it appears that such action will not justify a judgment in excess of $3,000.

D. C. Municipal Court.
Transfer of actions from District Court.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first sentence of section 5 (a) of the Act entitled "An Act to consolidate the police court of the District of Columbia and the municipal court of the District of Columbia, to be known as 'The Municipal Court for the District of Columbia', to create 'The Municipal Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia', and for other purposes", approved April 1, 1942 (D. C. Code, sec. 11-756), is amended to read as follows: "If, in any action, other than an action for equitable relief, pending on the effective date of this Act or thereafter commenced in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, it shall appear to the satisfaction of the court at any time prior to trial thereof that the action will not justify a judgment in excess of $3,000, the court may certify such action to the municipal court for the District of Columbia for trial."

56 Stat. 193.

Approved July 26, 1956.

Public Law 813 CHAPTER 745

July 26, 1956
[H. R. 12237]

AN ACT

To encourage and assist the States in the establishment of State committees on education beyond the high school, and for other purposes.

Higher education.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Congress hereby finds and declares that the impending great increases in enrollment in higher education institutions, the great national need for increased numbers of scientists, engineers, teachers, technicians, nurses, and other trained personnel, the rapid changes in conditions which necessitate additional education for many adults, the dependence of the national security on the research and advanced prepara-

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tion provided by educational institutions, and the impact of the military services on youth, combine to make it imperative that immediate stimulus be given to planning and action throughout the Nation which will meet adequately the needs for education beyond the high school.

Appropriation.

SEC. 2. (a) To encourage and assist each State to provide for a State committee on education beyond the high school, composed of educators and other interested citizens, to consider educational problems beyond the high school and to make recommendations for appropriate action to be taken by public and private agencies at local, State, regional, and Federal levels, including the possibility of coordinating compulsory military service with established programs of institutions of higher education, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated the sum of $650,000. Sums appropriated pursuant to this section shall be allotted to the States on the basis of their respective populations according to the latest figures certified by the Department of Commerce except that no State's allotment shall be less than $7,500.

Allotments to States.

(b) The Commissioner of Education shall pay its allotment to each State which, through its governor or other State official designated by the governor, undertakes to accept and use the sums so paid exclusively for the purposes set forth in subsection (a), including the expenses of studies and conferences, and to have its State committee on education beyond the high school make a report of its findings and recommendations to the Commissioner for the use of the President's Committee on Education Beyond the High School. Sums appropriated pursuant to this section shall remain available until June 30, 1958, and any such sums remaining unpaid to the States or unobligated by them as of that date shall be returned to the Treasury.

Appropriation.

SEC. 3. (a) There are hereby authorized to be appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1957, and the fiscal year ending June 30, 1958, such sums as the Congress may determine, for the administration of this Act and the expenses of the President's Committee on Education Beyond the High School which committee insofar as practicable shall be composed of educators and educational administrators fairly representative of the large and small universities and colleges and geographically representative of the Nation.

Travel and per diem expenses.

(b) Persons (other than those whose travel expenses are payable from allotments under section 2 (a)), while away from their homes or regular places of business at conferences called by the President's Committee, and members of the Committee, while attending conferences or on other business of the Committee away from their homes or regular places of business, may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by law (5 U. S. C. 73b–2) for persons in the Government service employed intermittently.

60 Stat. 808; 69 Stat. 394.

Executive director.

(c) The Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare is authorized to appoint, without regard to the civil-service laws, an executive director for the President's Committee at a salary to be fixed by the Secretary, but not in excess of $14,000 per annum.

Donations.

SEC. 4. The Commissioner is authorized to accept funds, equipment, personal services, and facilities donated for purposes of this Act and to use the same in accordance with such purposes.

"State".

SEC. 5. For the purposes of this Act the term "State" includes the District of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

Report to President and Congress.

SEC. 6. The President's Committee on Education Beyond the High School shall make its final report in writing to the President and to the Congress no later than December 31, 1957.

Approved July 26, 1956.