

residence, if he is under ten years of age, or within three miles if he is over that age ; or if

(d) The child has been excused, as hereinafter provided, by a justice of the peace, or by the principal of the school which the child is entitled to attend or if

(e) The child has passed the entrance examinations prescribed by the regulations or the third grade model (intermediate) or a course which gives him an equivalent standing ; or if

(f) The child is absent on a day regarded as a holy day by the church or religious denomination to which he belongs.

" 2615e. 1. No child to whom this section applies, who has not a valid excuse under this section, shall be employed by any person during school hours, while the public school of the district in which the child resides is in session, and any person who employs a child in contravention of this article shall incur a penalty not exceeding twenty dollars for each offence.

2. Where, in the opinion of a justice of the peace of the district in which the child resides or of the principal of the school attended by any child, the services of such child are required in husbandry or in urgent and necessary household duties, or for the necessary maintenance of such child or of some per-