

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,
CHICAGO.

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CHICAGO, January, 1901.

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to a degree that demands attention, and it is the object of this
circular-letter to inform Principals and Teachers of their duties
under the law so that they may not incur the odium of suffering
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