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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 2354

H. P. 2351

House of Representatives, April 14, 1976

Approved for Introduction by a Majority of the Committee on Reference of Bills pursuant to Joint Order, S. P. 635, as Amended. Read twice under suspension of rules and passed to be engrossed without reference to Committee. Sent up for concurrence, ordered sent forthwith and printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Connors of Franklin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SIX

AN ACT Appropriating Funds to the Schoodic Community School District.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. State grant for school funding. Notwithstanding the provision of any other law to the contrary, the Schoodic Community School District, consisting of the Towns of Franklin, Sullivan and Sorrento is granted, for the fiscal year 1976-77 only, the sum of \$25,013, provided that said district raises the 2 mills of local leeway.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$25,013 to the Department of Educational and Cultural Services for distribution to the Schoodic Community School District for the fiscal year 1976-77.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Approximately one year ago, the Schoodic CSD commenced construction of a middle school to educate 155 pupils. The school will open on September 1, 1976 and will consolidate some of the grades of some of the elementary schools in the district.

The towns are being required to raise the 2 mills local leeway and 13.25 mills state tax. As a result of the new school, the district's costs are increasing by \$49,276 and the total budget increase is \$82,327. The district under the law is reimbursed \$588.37 per pupil whereas the state average is \$754. If the district is going to maintain its planned program, it must receive \$25,013 to pay the additional cost of the new school. Presently, grades 3 and 4 of Franklin are housed in the basement of the Baptist church at a nominal cost. In Sullivan, the first and 2nd grades are housed in Sorrento-Sullivan recreation center. When the new school opens, they will be moved and the district will be able to comply with the mandated programs for special education.