

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 248

House of Representatives, February 25, 1919.

Referred to Committee on Education and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Varney of Jonesboro.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND NINETEEN

AN ACT to Amend Sections Seventy-three and Seventy-four of Chapter Sixteen of the Revised Statutes, and Section Seventy-five of Chapter Sixteen of the Revised Statutes as Amended by Chapter Sixty-seven of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, Relating to the Classification of High Schools.

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

Section 1. Section seventy-three of chapter sixteen of
2 the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out all
3 of said section after the word "received" in the sixteenth
4 line thereof and inserting in place thereof the words 'Ju-
5 nior High School. This class shall include such schools

6 as maintain a diversified program of studies approved by
7 the state superintendent of public schools, for such grades
8 or years as he shall prescribe, throughout a school year
9 of at least thirty-six weeks, provided, that the last two
10 years of the elementary schools and not more than two
11 grades or years of the high school may be included in
12 such a school, and provided that the cost of maintenance
13 may be taken from high school funds, or from high school
14 funds and common school funds combined, in proportion
15 to the cost of maintenance of the several grades. A school
16 of this class may be maintained in connection with or as
17 a part of a high school as provided in Class A of this sec-
18 tion,' so that said section when amended shall read as fol-
19 lows :

'Sect. 73. No school shall be regarded as a high school
2 within the meaning of any of the provisions of this chap-
3 ter unless such school shall be included in the following
4 classes :

Class A. This class shall include such schools as main-
2 tain at least one approved course of study through four
3 years of thirty-six weeks each and of standard grade, to-
4 gether with approved laboratory equipment, and shall em-
5 ploy at least two teachers ; provided, the town, precinct or
6 union maintaining such school shall appropriate and ex-
7 pend for instruction therein at least eight hundred and fifty
8 dollars annually exclusive of all tuition received.

Class B. This class shall include such schools as main-

tain one approved course of study through at least two
3 years of thirty-six weeks and of standard grade, together
4 with approved equipment, provided, the town, precinct or
5 union maintaining such school shall appropriate and ex-
6 pend for instruction therein at least five hundred dollars
7 annually exclusive of all tuition received.

Junior High School. This class shall include such schools
2 as maintain a diversified program of studies approved by
3 the state superintendent of public schools, for such grades
4 or years as he shall prescribe, throughout a school year of
5 at least thirty-six weeks, provided, that the last two years
6 of the elementary schools and not more than two grades
7 or years of the high school may be included in such a school,
8 and provided that the cost of maintenance may be taken
9 from high school funds, or from high school funds and
10 common school funds combined, in proportion to the cost
11 of maintenance of the several grades. A school of this
12 class may be maintained in connection with or as a part of
13 a high school as provided in Class A of this section.'

Sect. 2. Section seventy-four of chapter sixteen of the
2 revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the
3 word "paid" in the third line thereof the words, 'from
4 high school funds,' so that said section when amended
5 shall read as follows:

'Sect. 74. A town, precinct or union maintaining a high
2 school, as defined in the preceding section, shall be reim-
3 bursed by the state for two-thirds of the amount paid from

4 high school funds for instruction in such school; but in no
5 case shall more than five hundred dollars be paid by the
6 state to a town, precinct or union in any one year.'

Sect. 3. Section seventy-five of chapter sixteen of the
2 revised statutes as amended by chapter sixty-seven of the
3 public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen is hereby
4 further amended by striking out all of said section follow-
5 ing the word "chapter" in the third line thereof and sub-
6 stituting in place thereof the words 'A town, precinct or
7 union maintaining a high school as provided in Class B
8 of section seventy-three or a Junior High School as pro-
9 vided in the same section shall not be obliged to pay tui-
10 tion for any pupil until he has completed that part of the
11 course of said school approved by the state superintendent
12 of schools, or the equivalent thereof,' so that said section
13 when amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 75. A town, precinct or union maintaining a high
2 school, as provided in Class A of section seventy-three,
3 shall not be obliged to pay tuition under sections eighty-
4 five and eighty-six of this chapter. A town, precinct or
5 union maintaining a high school as provided in Class B
6 of section seventy-three or a Junior High School as pro-
7 vided in the same section shall not be obliged to pay tuition
8 for any pupil until he has completed that part of the course
9 of said school approved by the state superintendent of
10 schools, or the equivalent thereof.'