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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Dickey of Brooks.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Academies.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 37, § 106, repealed and replaced. Section 106 of chapter 37 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

‘Sec. 106. Academy defined; approval of instruction; reports. Whenever in sections 106 to 110, inclusive, the word “academy” occurs, it shall be construed to include “seminary” or “institute.”

When in the judgment of the commissioner, from returns made as herein provided, it appears that any incorporated academy in the state is prepared to give instruction equivalent to that required by law to be given in free high schools, that pupils attending the said academy are qualified to receive such instruction and that the teachers in the said academy are certified or licensed to give instruction in secondary school studies, such academy may provide approved secondary education under the conditions of sections 98 and 99. Every academy receiving state funds, either directly or indirectly, and every academy approved for tuition and attendance pur-

poses shall annually, on or before the 15th day of July, report to the commissioner such information as may be required for the performance of his duties.'

Sec. 2. R. S. c. 37, § 107, repealed and replaced. Section 107 of chapter 37 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 107. State board of education regulations. The state board of education may make such reasonable regulations regarding tuition charges, accounting and other aspects of academy and municipal relationships as are deemed necessary for carrying out the purposes and provisions of sections 106 to 110, inclusive.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 37, § 108, amended. Section 108 of chapter 37 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 108. Certain academies to have audit made. Every ~~private educational institution~~ academy, eligible to receive ~~financial aid from the state by statutory enactment~~ tuition payments from municipalities which are eligible for general-purpose aid under the provisions of section 201, shall on or before September 1st of each year furnish to the state auditor satisfactory proof that the books, accounts ~~and~~, financial documents ~~and reports to the commissioner~~ of said institution for the fiscal year preceding have been examined and found to be in a satisfactory and accurate condition with proper vouchers on file, said audit to be made by the state department of audit or by individuals or firms recognized as competent auditors by training and experience or by qualified public accountants.'

Sec. 4. R. S., c. 37, § 110, amended. Section 110 of chapter 37 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 110. Forfeiture of tuition payments. ~~Institutions~~ Academies which have not complied with the provisions of ~~either section~~ sections 106, 108 or 109 before the 1st day of September of each year shall not be eligible to receive ~~financial aid otherwise forthcoming from the state for the fiscal year preceding~~ tuition payments from municipalities receiving state subsidy under the provisions of section 201.'

Sec. 5. R. S., c. 37, § 165, repealed and replaced. Section 165 of chapter 37 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 165. State aid for agriculture, industrial arts and home economics instruction in towns and academies. Whenever the superintendent of

schools of any municipality or community school or the trustees of any incorporated academy shall certify to the commissioner, on forms prescribed by him, that instruction has been provided pupils of elementary schools, high schools or academies for the year preceding, said instruction having been approved as to course content, equipment and teacher qualifications, in general agriculture, industrial arts or general home economics, the commissioner is authorized to make apportionments of state aid as follows:

.I For municipal programs, the reimbursement payable in accordance with the provisions of section 201;

II. For academy programs, the tuition reimbursement to the sending municipality as provided in sections 98, 99 and 201.'

Sec. 6. Effective date. The provisions of this act shall become effective July 1, 1952.