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Hon. Neil S. Bishop
Bowdoinham, Maine

Dear Senator:

In answer to your oral inquiry in regard to the provisions of Chapter 270, P.L. 1945, which amends section 98 of Chapter 37, R. S. 1944, I will say that this law provides that:

"Any youth who resides with a parent or guardian in a town that maintains, or contracts for school privileges in, an approved secondary school which offers less than 2 approved occupational courses of study, and whose qualifications for such training are approved by the superintending school committee of the town, may elect to attend some other approved secondary school to which he may gain admission for the purpose of studying an occupational course not offered or contracted for by the town of his legal residence."

I also call your attention to section 99, Chapter 37, R. S. 1944 as amended by Chapters 93, 120 and 199, P. L. 1945 which provide that the State shall reimburse the towns for tuition for pupils attending secondary schools. I will also state that I have talked with the department of Education and have been informed that that department has ruled that a commercial course is an occupational course.

In conclusion I will say that the tuition in these cases of occupational courses shall be paid by the towns, and the towns will be reimbursed by the State under these amendments of 1945.

Very truly yours,

Ralph W. Farris
Attorney General

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