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**STATE OF MAINE**

**REPORT**

**OF THE**

**ATTORNEY GENERAL**

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which application may be made by the Commissioner of Education and to expend such Federal funds as may be granted under the provisions of P. L. 874 when so authorized by the Commissioner of Education for current expenditure purposes for the schooling of children in unorganized units would be sufficient to invoke the authority contained in Section 176 of Chapter 41 and Section 15 of Chapter 11.

JAMES GLYNN FROST  
Deputy Attorney General

January 6, 1959

To: Asa A. Gordon, Coordinator of Maine School District Commission

Re: Subsidy Payments under Chapter 41 to School Administrative Districts

You have requested the opinion of this office concerning the method of computing subsidy payments to a school administrative district.

When a school administrative district is formed and in operation, it is an administrative unit as defined in Section 237-E of Chapter 41. For the first year the subsidy payment of the subordinate units are to be paid to the school administrative district (Section 237-E). After the first year, in this particular fact situation, the school administrative district is classified for the purposes of the foundation program in the same manner as a municipality pursuant to Sections 237-D and 237-E.

GEORGE A. WATHEN  
Assistant Attorney General

January 9, 1959

To: H. H. Harris, Controller

Re: Unexpended Balances from Appropriations under Chapter 378, P. L. 1957

My opinion has been requested as to the effect of the last sentence in Section 3 of Chapter 378 of the Public Laws of 1957.

Section 14 of Chapter 15-A of the Revised Statutes of 1954, as enacted by Chapter 34 of the Public Laws of 1957, reads as follows:

“All appropriations by the legislature for the construction of buildings, structures, highways and bridges shall constitute continuous carrying accounts for the purposes designated by the legislature in such appropriations. The state controller is authorized to carry forward all such appropriations to the succeeding fiscal year, provided the construction shall have been begun by the letting of a contract or contracts or by actually starting the work during the year for which the appropriations were made. Any balance remaining after the completion of the object of the appropriations shall revert to the general fund in the state treasury or to the fund from which it was apportioned under existing provisions of law.”