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Authority of the State Board to adjust room rental fees at the state colleges.

FACTS:

The State Board of Education sometimes finds it necessary to temporarily assign three students to a dormitory room designed for only two occupants. In such cases, the Board pro-rates the room occupancy fees equally among the students involved. For example, if the two students in a normal double-occupancy room would be charged \$125 each per semester, or a total of \$250, then each of three occupants would be charged \$83.33, or a similar total per semester of \$250.

QUESTION:

Where the State Board of Education has established a fixed per-semester charge to cover occupancy and board amortization fees for dormitory rooms at the state colleges, may the Board pro-rate such charge equally among the student occupants of such room?

OPINION:

I find no statutory bar to the adjustment procedure contemplated by the Board, and it would appear that sufficient authority for it to so act is conferred by Me. Rev. Stat. Ann., Tit. 20, § 2305 (1964).

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