

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hichborn of Medford Township.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-ONE

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AN ACT Relating to State Support for Educational Foundation Program.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 41, § 237-E, amended.** The 3rd paragraph of section 237-E of chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 364 of the public laws of 1957 and as repealed and replaced by section 1 of chapter 443 of the public laws of 1957, and as amended by section 17 of chapter 353 of the public laws of 1959, is further amended to read as follows:

'For each classification, ~~except School Administrative Districts~~ the subsidy allocation thereafter shall be ~~the same for each of the 2 years of the biennium~~ **computed annually** and shall be the applicable percentage of the ~~average~~ net foundation program allowance for ~~each of~~ the preceding 2 years, as defined in section 237-D obtained from Table II below. Subsidy for School Administrative Districts shall be computed in accordance with this section.'

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 41, § 237-E, amended.** The first paragraph after Table II of section 237-E of chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 364 and as repealed and replaced by section 1 of chapter 443 both of the public laws of 1957, is amended to read as follows:

'Whenever any administrative unit's ~~average net operating cost in any biennium is less than the amount provided for in the average net foundation program, its state subsidy for the next 2 years will be decreased accordingly, that is, the percentage that the net operating cost is of the net foundation program allowance will be applied to that unit's preliminary allotment to determine the final subsidy~~ elementary per pupil expenditure in average daily membership, including expenditures for administration, instruction, health services,

operation of plant and equipment, replacement of instructional equipment, fixed charges, local appropriations for food services and 4% of the insured value of elementary school buildings and equipment, is less than the elementary foundation program per pupil allowance in a given year the subsidy for that portion of the foundation program in the new computation shall be decreased in the proportion that the expenditure fails to meet the foundation program allowance for that year. Whenever any administrative unit's junior high school or senior high school per pupil expenditure in average daily membership, including expenditures for certified or licensed teachers' salaries, fuel, janitor service, textbooks, supplies, utility services, premiums paid on insurance, and 6% of the insured value of the junior high or senior high school buildings and equipment, is less than the junior high school or senior high school foundation program per pupil allowance in a given year the subsidy for that portion of the foundation program in the new computation shall be decreased in the proportion that the expenditure fails to meet the foundation program allowance for that year.'

**Sec. 3. R. S., c. 41, § 237-E, amended.** The 4th paragraph after Table II of section 237-E of chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 364 and as repealed and replaced by section 1 of chapter 443 both of the public laws of 1957 and as amended by section 19 of chapter 353 of the public laws of 1959, is further amended to read as follows:

'Any administrative unit, except those to which footnotes 1 or 2 of Table I, section 237-D, are applicable, in which the ~~average~~ net operating cost in any ~~biennium year~~ exceeds the amount of the ~~average~~ net foundation program allowance shall be entitled to an additional subsidy allocation on that part of its ~~average~~ net operating cost which exceeds its net foundation program allowance, computed by multiplying the amount that the ~~average~~ net operating cost exceeds its net foundation program allowance by 10% of the percentage to which said administrative unit is entitled to receive in Table II.'

**Sec. 4. R. S., c. 41, § 237-E, amended.** The 5th and 6th paragraphs after Table II of section 237-E of chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 364 and as repealed and replaced by section 1 of chapter 443 both of the public laws of 1957, are amended to read as follows:

'In ~~figuring~~ ~~computing~~ subsidy to community school districts ~~the following shall apply~~ These community school districts offering ~~which offer~~ a school program ~~which that~~ includes pre-primary or kindergarten through the 12th grade ~~such district~~ shall be subsidized as a single administrative unit, and payment of subsidy made directly to ~~the community school district~~ ~~them~~ rather than to the participating towns. In those community school districts where only part of this program is offered, the ~~community school district~~ ~~districts~~ ~~cannot~~ shall not be considered as ~~an administrative unit~~ units for subsidy purposes but the foundation program for each administrative unit participating ~~town's share of the operating cost of such district shall be treated as a tuition expenditure in the subsidy tabulation for that town and its subsidy figured accordingly~~ which is a member of such a district shall include an allowance because of its membership in the district, computed in the same manner as is provided under section 237-D for administrative units operating their own schools. In no case shall such allowance be less than that unit's net expenditure because of its membership in the district.'