

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Knight of Rockland.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-ONE

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AN ACT to Pay School Subsidies in Certain Administrative Units on the Basis  
of Uniform Local Effort.

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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 amended, is further amended to read as follows:

'For each classification, except School Administrative Districts, **units operating community school district high schools and units operating high schools with more than 300 pupils enrolled**, 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~~ foundation program allowance for **each of the preceding 2 years**, as defined in section 237-D obtained from Table II below. **Exceptions noted above shall be computed by using the provisions of section 237-F rather than Table II below.** Subsidy for School Administrative Districts shall be computed in accordance with this section.'

**Sec. 2.** R. S., c. 41, § 237-F, additional. Chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 237-F, to read as follows:

'**Sec. 237-F. State support of the foundation program.** State support of the foundation program in School Administrative Districts, units operating community school district high schools and units operating high schools with more than 300 pupils enrolled shall be based on a uniform local effort. The uniform effort shall be determined by dividing the annual net foundation program of the entire State by the total state valuation of the State and multiplying the result

by 67.2%. Every unit mentioned above shall make the local effort as determined by the formula in this chapter. Such effort shall be based on the unit's current state valuation. This uniform effort shall be the unit's share of the foundation program and the State shall contribute the remainder, except that no unit shall be required to appropriate more than 82% of the amount of the net foundation program. Every unit shall be guaranteed 18% state aid on its net foundation program even though the local effort required is less than the state average effort as determined above. No unit shall receive less subsidy in 1961 and 1962 than it would have received had the subsidy been computed in accordance with Table II of section 237-E.'