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STATE OF MAINE
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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 335, L. D. 1080, Bill, "An Act Relating to Tuition for Students Attending Secondary School Outside of Residence."

Amend said Bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

"Sec. 1. R. S., T. 20, §1291, amended. The first sentence of the 2nd paragraph of section 1291 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'In the case of any youth attending school, under conditions as provided for in the preceding paragraph, ~~in schools in which the average daily membership, as reported in the preceding year, is 100 or more students,~~ and the school offers at least 2 occupational courses, the annual tuition shall not exceed 125% of the average cost per pupil in all secondary schools of the State ~~for the current fiscal year~~ as determined in section 1292; except that, for schools ~~with fewer than 100 pupils enrolled or~~ not offering at least 2 ~~or more~~ occupational courses, the tuition shall not exceed the average cost per pupil in all secondary schools of the State ~~for the current fiscal year~~ as determined in section 1292. Payments in excess of the legal tuition charge as defined in this section may be made when authorized by the voters of the sending administrative unit at a regular or special town meeting.'

Section 2. R. S., T. 20, §1292, amended. The first paragraph of section 1292 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

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'When any administrative unit shall have been required to pay and has paid tuition for pupils attending secondary schools, as provided by section 1291, the superintendent of schools of such administrative unit shall make a return under oath to the commissioner before the first day of September, annually, for the preceding school year, stating the name of each pupil for whom tuition has been paid, the amount paid by the administrative unit for each and the name and location of the school which each has attended. ~~Tuition-charges-for each-pupil-may-be-paid-by-administrative-units-to-an-amount-not exceeding-the-receiving-school's-average-cost-per--pupil-for-the current-fiscal-year,-except-that-payments-in-excess-of-said-average-cost-may-be-made-by-vote-of-the-sending-administrative-unit,-but-such payment-by-an-administrative-unit-for-any-pupil-for-any-one-year-shall be-subject-to-the-limitations-of-section-1291.--The-average-cost-per pupil-shall-be-determined-as-follows:-(1)--Add-the-amounts-paid-for-certified-teachers'-salaries,-fuel,-janitor-service,-textbooks,-supplies,-utility-services,-premiums-paid-on-insurance-and-8%-of-the-insured-value-of-the-school-buildings-and-equipment,-said-sums-to-be-taken-from-reports-filed-with-the-commissioner-in-the-year-for-which tuition-is-being-computed,-(2)-divide-the-total-by-the-average-daily membership-of-all-regularly-enrolled-students-of-the-preceding-school year.~~ The State, an administrative unit, or academy average cost per pupil shall be determined as follows: (1) All expenditures for ^{except} secondary education shall be included/expenditures for community services, capital outlay, debt retirement, tuition and transportation from July 1st to June 30th of a given year; (2) the expenditures thus

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obtained shall be divided by the average daily membership of all
regularly enrolled students for the same year. Said per pupil costs
shall be increased by 7% and in addition an administrative unit or
academy may add thereto an amount obtained by dividing 5% of the
insured value of secondary school buildings and equipment by the
average daily membership of all regularly enrolled students for the
same year. Any unit which receives state funds as secondary school
construction aid under Title 20, section 3518, or federal funds for
secondary school construction aid shall have such amount deducted from
the allowable insured value of secondary school buildings and equip-
ment in the average cost per pupil computation. Any administrative
unit not maintaining a high school may pay tuition for any student
who with parents or guardian resides in said administrative unit and
who attends an approved school of secondary grade in an administrative
unit adjacent to the State of Maine in another state, when distance
and transportation facilities make attendance in a Maine high school
or academy inexpedient; or who attends an approved school of secondary
grade in another state when said school specializes in the correction
of physical defects and when by reason of a physical disability the
individual requires a specialized type of training available in said
school but not obtainable in any approved secondary school in the
State of Maine.' "

Proposed by Senator SNOW of Cumberland

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