

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

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Referred to Committee on Education. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Secretary

Presented by Senator Maxwell of Franklin.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-FIVE

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### **AN ACT Relating to Tuition for Students Attending Secondary School Outside of Residence.**

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

**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 section 1292 may be made when authorized by the voters of the sending administrative unit at a regular or special town meeting.'**

**Sec. 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:

'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. Tuition charges for each pupil may be paid by administrative units as determined by the provisions of this section except that units may exceed such tuition charges when so authorized by the voters. The average cost per pupil shall be determined as follows: (1) All expenditures for secondary education shall be included except expenditures for community services, capital outlay from bond issues, debt retirement, tuition and transportation from July 1st to June 30th of a given year; (2) The expenditures thus 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%, plus an amount not to exceed 5% of the insured value of buildings and equipment and not exceeding 125% of the State average per pupil expenditure of the secondary schools of the State. The tuition so computed shall be the allowable tuition charge for the following school year for said unit. 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.'