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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
103rd LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 358, L. D. 966, Bill, "An Act to Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Education Laws."

Amend said Bill by inserting after the enacting clause, the following section:

'Sec. 1. R. S., T. 20, §212, amended. The 3rd paragraph of section 212 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 400 of the public laws of 1965, is repealed as follows:

~~The board shall, after a master plan for school administrative district organization is presented to the 103rd Legislature, as ordered in Senate Paper 453 of the 102nd Legislature and accepted by the 103rd Legislature as presented or with modifications, approve the formation of School Administrative Districts only in accordance with the plan as adopted. It further is the intent of the Legislature that all municipalities with fewer than 500 resident high school pupils and not in School Administrative Districts shall, within a reasonable time after adoption of the master plan for school administrative district organization, join into School Administrative Districts in accordance with that master plan.'~~

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of section 2 (same in L. D. 966) and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 2. R. S., T. 20, §222, amended. The 2nd, 3rd and 4th paragraphs of section 222 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes are amended to read as follows:

Article : ~~To see if~~ Shall the municipality will vote to join School Administrative District No.....as a participating municipality of the district under the following terms and conditions: ~~{Set forth agreement recommended by the State Board of Education.}~~ subject to the terms and conditions of the agreement prepared by the State Board of Education dated, 19..... Yes..... No..... (A copy of the agreement must be posted with each warrant which directs the citizens to vote upon the question.)

The town clerk of the municipality desiring admission shall send a certified copy of the results of the vote to the secretary of the School Administrative District. If the board of directors finds that the vote was in the affirmative the directors shall

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call a district meeting within 45 days in accordance with section 225 to vote upon the following article:

Article : ~~To see if~~ Shall the district ~~will~~ vote to admit the municipality ofinto School Administrative District No.as a participating municipality of the district ~~under the following terms and conditions:--(Set forth agreement recommended by the State Board of Education.)~~ subject to the terms and conditions of the agreement prepared by the State Board of Education dated.....,19.....Yes.... No.....
(A copy of the agreement must be posted with each warrant which directs the citizens to vote upon the question.)'

Further amend said Bill by adding after section 5, a new section, as follows:

'Sec. 5-A. R. S., T. 20, §306, amended. The last paragraph of section 306 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end, a new sentence, as follows:

The board of directors is authorized to transfer or lease unused school property to nonprofit organizations for educational or cultural purposes.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of section 7 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 7. R. S., T. 20, §855, amended. Section 855 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

§ 855. Equal school privileges for all pupils

The school moneys of every administrative unit shall be so expended as to give as nearly as practicable the same aggregate annual length of terms in all its schools, and every administrative unit shall make provision for the maintenance of all of its schools for not less than 36-weeks 180 days annually of which not less than 175 shall be actual school days and no more than 5 may be devoted to in-service education of teachers. The State Board of Education shall have the right to reduce or waive the minimum number of days required upon application from any school committee or board of directors in the State, such application to be supported in writing with a statement of the reasons for such request. Any administrative unit failing to maintain its schools as provided in this section shall be debarred from drawing its state school moneys until it shall have made suitable provisions for so maintaining them thereafter.

~~Five-days-constitutes-the-school-week-and-4-weeks-a-school month.'~~

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Further amend said Bill in section 9-A by striking out in the 5th, 6th and 7th lines (5th and 6th lines in L.D. 966) the underlined punctuation and words " "An Act to Strengthen and Expand Food Service Programs for Children" " and inserting in place thereof the underlined punctuation and words ' "The Child Nutrition Act" ' .

Further amend said Bill by adding after section 10, a new section, as follows:

'Sec. 10-A. R.S., T. 20, §2356-D, amended. Section 2356-D of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 3 of chapter 440 of the public laws of 1965, is amended to read as follows:

§2356-D. Tuition charges paid by an administrative unit credited on foundation program allowance

Any administrative unit which is required to pay and has paid, or which is a member of a secondary community school district which is required to pay and has paid, tuition charges to another unit for technical and vocational classes through grade 12 in an approved regional technical and vocational center serving the area of which the paying unit is a part shall receive in its foundation program allowance computed under section 3722-a- credit for ~~110%-of~~ the tuition so paid.'

Further amend said Bill by adding at the end (same in L.D. 966) a new section as follows:

'Sec. 18. Amendatory clause. Wherever in the Revised Statutes or public laws the words "superintending school committee" or "superintending school committees" appear, they shall mean "school committee" or school "committees" ' .

Further amend said Bill by renumbering the sections of the Bill to read consecutively.

Reported by the Committee on EDUCATION.

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