

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1415

H. P. 973

House of Representatives, March 8, 1967

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Baker of Winthrop.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Computation of Tuition Rates for Elementary Schools.

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

R. S., T. 20, § 912, amended. Section 912 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end the following:

When any administrative unit shall have been required to pay and has paid tuition for pupils attending elementary schools, as provided by section 912, 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. The State or administrative unit average cost per pupil shall be determined as follows: (1) All expenditures for elementary education shall be included except 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 obtained shall be divided by the average daily membership of all regularly enrolled students for the same year. Said per pupil cost shall be increased by 7% and in addition an administrative unit may add thereto an amount obtained by dividing 5% of the insured value of elementary school buildings and equipment by the average daily membership of all regularly enrolled students for the same year; except that any unit which qualifies for construction aid under section 3457 shall deduct from the amount of the 5% insured value factor for elementary schools the same percentage of the factor as the construction aid percentage which the unit is entitled to receive under Table II of section 3457 before dividing by the average daily membership in computing the allowable per pupil insured value factor which may be used in computing the annual tuition rate. The annual

tuition charge may not exceed the computed cost in the individual unit, nor may the charge exceed the computed average cost per pupil in all public elementary schools of the State as determined by this section. Any administrative unit not maintaining an elementary school may pay tuition for any student who with parents or guardian resides in said administrative unit and who attends an approved elementary school in an administrative unit adjacent to the State of Maine in another state, when distance and transportation facilities make attendance in a Maine school inexpedient; or who attends a approved elementary school 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 elementary school in the State of Maine.

When pupils are sent from one administrative unit to an approved elementary school in another, if any accounts for tuition of such pupils are not paid on or before August 15th of that year, the commissioner shall pay such accounts, or so much thereof as he shall find to be rightly due, to the treasurer of the receiving administrative unit, institute or seminary at the next regular annual apportionment, together with interest on such accounts at the rate of 6% annual, computed from said August 15th, and the commissioner shall charge any such payment against the apportioned fund of the sending administrative unit.