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S. P. 75²

In Senate, January 9, 1968

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

JERROLD B. SPEERS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Katz of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-EIGHT

AN ACT to Increase the Foundation Program Per Pupil Allowance to \$320.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the average cost of educating an elementary school pupil in 1967-68 is estimated to be \$355; and

Whereas, the present statute pays subsidy on only \$290; and

Whereas, numerous municipalities are faced with an unusual tax increase for school purposes; and

Whereas, many communities will have to cut school services because of inadequate state aid; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

R. S., T. 20, § 3722, amended. The first sentence of the 4th paragraph of section 3722 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as last amended by section 4 of chapter C of the private and special laws of 1967, is further amended to read as follows:

The per pupil allowance used in computing the foundation program shall be ~~\$290~~
\$320.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

To increase the foundation program allowance from \$290 per pupil to \$320 per pupil for 1968 will require an additional state appropriation of \$7,390,000.