

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 481

H. P. 372

House of Representatives, January 29, 1969

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Chick of Monmouth.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to the State Valuation That Shall be Used in Computing
Foundation Program Subsidies for School Administrative Units.

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

Whereas, the municipalities are facing unusual budgetary increases because of changes in state valuation; and

Whereas, more than half of the communities will receive less state aid in 1969 than they received in 1968; and

Whereas, the welfare of 233,000 pupils may be in jeopardy; 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, § 3723, amended. The 2nd paragraph of section 3723 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

From each unit's foundation program, as defined in sections 3721 and 3722, shall be subtracted the yield of 20 mills times the ~~unit's~~ state valuation of the unit that was in effect on July 1st in the year preceding the convening of the Legislature. The result shall be the amount of state aid, on the foundation program, that the unit is entitled to receive, provided that no unit shall re-

ceive less than 20% state aid on its foundation program. The aid to School Administrative Districts shall be computed as follows: The net foundation program of the district shall be distributed among the member municipalities of the district in the same ratio as the average resident pupils of the member municipalities bears to the total average number of resident pupils in the School Administrative District. From the foundation program thus distributed shall be subtracted the yield of 20 mills times the member municipality's state valuation that was in effect on July 1st in the year preceding the convening of the Legislature, provided that no member municipality shall be required to raise more than 80% of its foundation program. The aid thus computed for the member municipalities shall be added together and shall be paid to the School Administrative District. In addition, School Administrative Districts shall receive the supplemental aid as provided in section 3456. To this allocation shall be added \$15 for every student completing a driver education course during the preceding year. The valuation used shall be as determined by the Board of Equalization in the statement filed by it and in effect on July 1st in the year preceding the convening of the Legislature, as provided in Title 36, section 381. Pupils attending school on a part-time basis shall be counted as .2 of a pupil for each class period which they attend. ~~The computation of state aid for each unit shall be subject to correction in accordance with the final statement filed by the Board of Equalization on December 1st.~~

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

STATEMENT OF FACTS

If the state valuation that was in effect on July 1st in the year preceding the convening of the Legislature were used, it would be necessary to appropriate \$5,079,894 for each year of the biennium in addition to what is already in the Part I budget.