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STATE OF MAINE
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§ - 137

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 162, L.D. 536, Bill, "AN ACT to Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Education Laws."

Amend said Bill by inserting after section 2 the following new sections:

'Sec. 2-A. R. S., T. 20, §215, sub-§ 3, amended. Subsection 3 of section 215 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 1 of chapter 295 of the public laws of 1967, is further amended by inserting after the 2nd sentence the following new sentence: If the school committee or municipal officers representing a municipality exceed 3 in number, the school committee or municipal officers shall choose 3 from their respective membership to represent the municipality for the purposes set forth in this section.

Sec. 2-B. R. S., T. 20, § 302, amended. The 2nd paragraph of section 302 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read as follows: Except that in any city where elections are held biennially, the term of each director shall be 4 years dating from the time of the regular city election.

Sec. 2-C. R. S., T. 20, § 304, amended. The 4th sentence of section 304 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows: Each bond or note shall have inscribed upon its face the official name of the School Administrative District and shall be dated at such time or times, shall be in such denomination, shall bear such rate of interest, not exceeding ~~6%~~ 7 1/2% per year, payable semi-annually, be in such form subject to this chapter, and be sold in such manner, at public or private sale as the school directors shall determine, provided that in no event shall bonds be sold for less than par.

Sec. 2-D. R. S., T. 20, § 802, amended. Section 802 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

The state flag, as defined in Title 1, section 206, shall be displayed along with the national flag at every school when that school is open for instructional purposes.

Sec. 2-E. R. S., T. 20, § 855, amended. Section 855 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 8 of chapter 425 of the public laws of 1967, is further amended by inserting after the first sentence the following new sentence: School attendance and average daily membership records shall be kept for those days during which students and teachers are present.'

Further amend said Bill by inserting after section 9 the following new section:

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'Sec. 9-A. R. S., T. 20, § 1281, sub-§ 3, amended. Subsection 3 of section 1281 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

3. Minimum school year. It has a minimum school year of ~~175-actual~~ 180 school days, ~~except-that-the~~ 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, board of directors or board of trustees of any academy in the State, such application to be supported in writing with a statement of the reasons for such request.'

Further amend said Bill by inserting after section 14 the following new section:

'Sec. 14-A. R. S., T. 20, § 2357, amended. The last 2 sentences of section 2357 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes are repealed and the following enacted in place thereof: No scholarship shall exceed \$250 in any one year. Amounts available for such scholarships shall be distributed annually by the board to the state vocational-technical institutes in the following manner:

1. \$1,500 or 6 full scholarships per institute. \$1,500 or the equivalent of 6 full scholarships to each institute.

2. Allocation of balance. Allocation of the balance of the scholarship fund to the state vocational-technical institutes in the same proportions as the proportion of each institute's enrollment bears to the total enrollment of the institutes for the fall semester of the current year.

Awards shall be based on evidence of individual need and worth.'

Further amend said Bill by inserting after section 16 the following new sections:

'Sec. 16-A. R. S., T. 20, § 3452, sub-§ 2, amended. Subsection 2 of section 3452 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 19 of chapter 425 of the public laws of 1967, is further amended to read as follows:

2. Aggregate attendance. "Aggregate attendance" shall be understood to include the total number of days of attendance for any one school year of each regularly enrolled pupil resident of the town in elementary and secondary schools. ~~The-attendance-of-each pupil-present-on-the-day-preceding-shall-be-counted-for-each-school holiday-within-any-school-term,-for-each-day-of-the-school-year-when there-is-no-session-of-school-because-of-absence-of-the-teacher-in attendance-on-teachers'-meetings,-as-provided-by-law-and-for-not-more than-one-day-in-each-term-when-there-is-no-session-of-school-because of-the-absence-of-the-teacher-in-visiting-other-schools-when-so-authorized-by-the-school-committee.~~

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Sec. 16-B. R. S., T. 20, § 3561, amended. The last sentence of the first paragraph of section 3561 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 19 of chapter 425 of the public laws of 1967, is further amended to read as follows:
The school committee ~~may~~ shall authorize the superintendent of schools to pay the board of any pupil or pupils in an amount not to exceed \$25 per week at a suitable place near any established school instead of providing conveyance for said pupil or pupils, when in their judgment ~~it may be done at an equal or less expense than by conveyance~~ boarding is in the best interest of the child or children.'

Reported by the Committee on EDUCATION.

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