

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 596

H.P. 459

House of Representatives, February 5, 1969

Referred to Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and 1,000 ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT to Provide Relief for "Municipal Overburden" in Educational Costs in Maine Municipalities.

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 corrected by a population correction factor when applicable. The 2-year average of resident pupils of the previous biennium in a unit shall be divided by the 2-year average of resident pupils of the previous biennium for the State as a whole. The result shall be doubled and divided by the sum of itself and the ratio obtained when the population of a unit as determined by the most recent Federal Census is divided by the state total population similarly determined. If the ratio thus computed results in a factor that is less than 1.0 the correction shall be applied to the unit's state valuation. If the result is greater than 1.0, no correction factor shall be applied. 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 receive 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 provided that no corrected by a population correction factor when applicable. The 2-year

average of resident pupils of the previous biennium in a member municipality shall be divided by the total 2-year average of resident pupils of the previous biennium for the State as a whole. The result shall be doubled and divided by the sum of itself and the ratio obtained when the population of a member municipality as determined by the most recent Federal Census is divided by the state total population similarly determined. If the ratio thus computed results in a factor less than 1.0, the correction shall be applied to the member municipality's state valuation. If the result is greater than 1.0, no correction factor shall be applied. 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, 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.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

If a foundation program allowance of \$450 is established and a tax rate set at 26.5 mills with the State paying 90% of the transportation costs, the municipal overburden factor would require an annual appropriation of approximately \$3,000,000.