

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1468

H. P. 1144

House of Representatives, April 23, 1969

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Sahagian of Belgrade.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT to Change the Time of Apportionment of Educational Subsidies to Administrative Units.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 20, § 1292, amended. The 2nd paragraph of section 1292 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end the following:

If funds become available, the State Board of Education may authorize the following alternate method of paying delinquent tuition accounts. When pupils are sent from one administrative unit to an approved secondary 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, academy, institute or seminary at the next subsequent monthly apportionment, together with interest on such accounts at the rate of 6% annually, computed from said August 15th, and the commissioner shall charge any such payment against the apportioned fund of the sending administrative unit.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 20, § 3455, amended. Section 3455 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

If funds become available, the State Board of Education may authorize the following alternate method of distributing state aid. All apportionments to administrative units, academies and institutes under this Title, unless specifically directed by statute, shall be made annually commencing in July

of each year in the following manner: An amount not to exceed $\frac{1}{12}$ of the estimated subsidy shall be paid each month no later than the last day of the month. Any balance shall be paid in the last month of the annual period. If an administrative unit shall be delinquent in its payments to the Maine School Building Authority, the department shall make payment to the Maine School Building Authority in lieu of such administrative unit from any amounts properly payable to such administrative unit by such department, not exceeding the amount then presently due to the Maine School Building Authority from such administrative unit. An administrative unit obligated to make payments to the Maine School Building Authority on December 1st of any given year may apply in writing through its municipal officers or its board of trustees or school directors to the commissioner setting forth the amount due, the date due, and the name of the trustee of the Maine School Building Authority and their statement that they desire that the amount thus specified be paid, out of the moneys apportioned to administrative units, directly to the trustee therein designated prior to the due date. If the commissioner and the Treasurer of State approve the request, the amount therein specified shall be paid directly to the trustee named prior to the due date, notwithstanding any other limitations contained in this section.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 20, § 3726, additional. Title 20 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 3726 to read as follows:

§ 3726. Apportionment for 6 months of 1970

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Title, the apportionment of state aid for the period beginning January 1, 1970 and ending June 30, 1970, shall be $\frac{1}{2}$ of the apportionment computed for the first year of the biennium. Said apportionment shall be distributed in 6 payments beginning the last Friday in January and ending the last Friday in June, 1970.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

To place the State on a monthly basis of paying school subsidies which would be consistent with the state's fiscal year and the state's income, it is essential that the passage of this Act be accompanied by a \$22 million bond issue which would cover the subsidies for a 6-month period beginning January 1, 1970 and ending June 30, 1970.