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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-NINE

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**AN ACT** Relating to Tuition Charges for Students from State Institutions.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 15, § 2716, amended.** The 4th paragraph of section 2716 of Title 15 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapters 9 and 456 of the public laws of 1965, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof :

**A child committed to a center may attend a public school when enrolled by the superintendent as provided in Title 20, section 1391.**

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 20, § 1391, amended.** Section 1391 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows :

**§ 1391. Attendance at public schools**

Any child between the ages of 5 and 21 who resides at a private tax-exempt institution within this State shall have the right to attend the public schools in the administrative unit in which such institution is located under the same conditions as pupils residing in such administrative unit, and shall for the purposes of this section be classed as resident pupils ~~except that if the number of such children in any administrative unit shall exceed 10% of the total public school enrollment in such administrative unit~~ and the administrative unit shall be paid from the appropriation for general-purpose aid the net local cost of educating such children at each elementary or secondary school attended by them. **Any child between the ages of 5 and 21 committed or otherwise legally admitted to any state-operated institution shall have the right to attend the public schools in the administrative unit in which such institution is located, or in an adjoining administrative unit, upon enrollment therein by the head of such institution under the same conditions as pupils**

residing in such administrative unit, and shall for the purposes of this section be classed as resident pupils, and the net local cost of educating any such child shall be paid in accordance with this section. The net local cost of educating such children shall include only those school operating expenses paid by the administrative unit on account of such children enumerated in section 3721, subsection 2, and shall be computed for each school on the basis of financial reports and school enrollment figures required by and filed with the commissioner during each school year ending June 30th. Payments shall be made to each administrative unit ~~annually during the month of December following the end of the school year~~ based on the average net local per pupil cost of education during the 2 previous fiscal years. The payment shall be added to the general-purpose aid of the administrative unit.

**Sec. 3. R. S., T. 34, § 864, amended.** The last paragraph of section 864 of Title 34 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 72 of chapter 513 of the public laws of 1965 and as amended by section 24 of chapter 391 of the public laws of 1967, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

A participant in the Halfway House Program may attend a public school when enrolled by the superintendent as provided in Title 20, section 1391.

**Sec. 4. Effective date.** This Act shall become effective 91 days after adjournment of the Legislature.