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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 550

S. P. 189

In Senate, February 4, 1971

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Shute of Franklin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Approval of Schools at an Excessive
Distance from Other Facilities.

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

R. S., T, 20, § 1281, sub-§ 10, amended. Subsection 10 of section 1281 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 335 of the public laws of 1967, is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:

If the school is located by ordinary means of travel a one-way distance in excess of 30 miles from the nearest other school facilities reasonably available to educate the pupils, the State Board of Education shall not withhold approval under this subsection on the basis of size.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to permit public schools otherwise qualified to continue to be approved even though containing less than 100 pupils if it would otherwise mean closing the schools and transporting pupils a distance of over 60 miles a day.