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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 782

H. P. 587 House of Representatives, February 11, 1971 Referred to Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Millett of Dixmont.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Reimbursement Rates for Transportation and Special Educational Expenditures.

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

R. S., T. 20, § 3732, Table I, repealed and replaced. Table I of section 3732 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 2 of chapter 496 of the public laws of 1969, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

The per pupil valuation of each municipality shall be determined as provided in this section. The commissioner shall establish the applicable percentage for each eligible unit from the formula in Table I on January 1st of the year in which the Legislature convenes in regular session. The percentage thus determined shall be applicable for the next 2 fiscal years of the State, July 1st to June 30th.

TABLE I

The percentage of state aid for each municipality shall be determined by dividing the median state per pupil valuation by the state per pupil valuation of the municipality and multiplying the result by 73%. No administrative unit may qualify for more than 97% nor less than 13%.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The intent of this bill is to set up the mechanics so that the State's share of the cost of transportation and aid to special education will remain at a constant level. For the year 1970-71 the State is reimbursing an average of 60% of the cost of these 2 services. Under Table I as proposed, even though state valuations do increase, the State's share of these 2 services would remain at the 60% level for a state-wide average.