

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 905

H. P. 668

House of Representatives, February 17, 1971

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Lynch of Livermore Falls.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Comprehensive School Programs in
Public High Schools.

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

R. S., T. 20, § 3736, additional. Title 20 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 3736 to read as follows:

§ 3736. Comprehensive secondary programs

When the board makes a finding of fact that an administrative unit enrolling fewer than 300 pupils does not offer a comprehensive program, it shall notify the school committee or board of directors of the unit of its findings and shall warn the unit that the penalty provided in this section will be applied if the unit does not take action to institute a comprehensive high school program within one year from the date of notification. This provision shall not apply to geographically isolated high schools.

Any public secondary school enrolling fewer than 300 pupils and not offering a comprehensive educational program shall have deducted from its general purpose aid $\frac{1}{2}$ of the subsidy earned by its secondary school pupils. Such a reduction in aid shall continue until the board is satisfied that the unit does offer a comprehensive school program.

A comprehensive program is defined as that type of program which meets the needs of the pupils enrolled. A comprehensive program may be accomplished by operating the program or by contracting with another unit for services if such operation of program is uneconomical or impractical.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The intent of this Act is to require school programs which meet the needs of all pupils whenever a school is not geographically isolated.