

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 947

H. P. 704

House of Representatives, February 18, 1971

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Woodbury of Gray.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Subsidy Payments on Expenditures Made for the
Education of Handicapped Children.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 20, § 3732, amended. The 8th paragraph 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 amended to read as follows:

The average sums of money expended in the 2 fiscal years preceding the convening of the Legislature by administrative units for public school pupils for transportation, school bus purchase and board of pupils ~~and the education of handicapped children~~ shall be multiplied by the percentages in Table I and the results shall become part of the general purpose aid of the unit. Expenditures for special education pupils in classes operated by the unit or for pupils tuitioned to other schools when such expenditures have been approved by the commissioner shall be subsidized in accordance with Table I. Only those expenditures which exceed the reimbursement under the equalization formula shall be eligible for the special subsidy.

Expenditures made for special education pupils in excess of the expenditures for school children in regular classes shall be reimbursed in accordance with Table I when such expenditures have been approved by the commissioner. State aid reimbursements for the education of handicapped children shall occur in the fiscal year immediately following the expenditure year.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 20, § 3732, amended. The 7th paragraph from the end 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section 3732 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 2 of chapter 496 of the public laws of 1969, is repealed as follows:

~~New special education classes for handicapped children shall be reimbursed in the fiscal year immediately following their operation and such reimbursement shall continue for subsequent years as long as the class or classes continue. The expenditures for such classes may be reported using the same rules and guidelines as are set out by statute for computing the tuition costs for handicapped pupils.~~

STATEMENT OF FACT

The intent of this bill is to reimburse local units for expenditures made on behalf of handicapped children in the year immediately following such expenditures rather than 2 years after the fact. The bill also eliminates any possibility of the unit receiving duplicate aid on the same student.