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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1586

H. P. 1145

House of Representatives, March 17, 1971

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Finemore of Bridgewater.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to the Four Corners Community School District.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Four Corners Community School District needs time during which to construct an elementary school; and

Whereas, it would be more advantageous to the member towns to operate their own schools until the new building is constructed; and

Whereas, without special legislation, undue hardship will be imposed upon the member municipalities of Dyer Brook, Merrill, Oakfield, and Smyrna; and

Whereas, school subsidy cannot be paid to the separate towns without special legislation; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety; now, therefore,

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

Authorization to raise and appropriate money. Notwithstanding the fact that the Four Corners Community School District was issued its certificate by the Secretary of State on February 4, 1971, and was organized under the Revised Statutes, Title 20, sections 351 to 360, the individual towns of Dyer Brook, Merrill, Oakfield, and Smyrna are authorized to raise and appropriate

money for the operation of elementary schools and to operate those schools in a manner provided for all other municipalities under Title 20. The individual towns shall continue to operate the elementary schools until 90 days from the date upon which the Community School District contracts for the construction of a new facility.

The Department of Education is authorized, notwithstanding the Revised Statutes, Title 20, section 3732, to pay elementary school subsidy to the individual towns until the school committee of the Four Corners Community School District is authorized to assume the full responsibility for the elementary schools in the district.

Ninety days after the trustees of the Four Corners Community School District sign a contract for the construction of a new elementary facility, the powers and duties of the individual town school committees will cease in all respects relating to the operation of elementary school programs, and the school committee of the Four Corners Community School District shall assume all duties for the operation of elementary schools within the district on that date. The Commissioner of Education shall determine what sums of money appropriated by the towns for elementary education for the municipal fiscal years have not been expended and such sums shall be paid by the treasurer of each municipality within the district to the treasurer of the Four Corners Community School District on or before December 31 in that calendar year. Payments shall be made in such installments as are agreed upon by the trustees and the selectmen of the four towns within the Community School District.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the emergency preamble.