

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1908

H. P. 1465

House of Representatives, January 24, 1972

Committee on Education suggested.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Carter of Winslow.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-TWO

An ACT Relating to Unusual School Enrollment Increases.

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

Whereas, enrollment increases can cause hardships in the year following the increase; and

Whereas, cost increases, particularly tuition costs, can create undue hardships; and

Whereas, certain municipalities face a critical financial need; 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:

R. S., T. 20, § 3734, amended. Section 3734 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by chapter 90 of the public laws of 1971 and as amended, is further amended by adding at the end the following new sentences:

When the additional pupils do not cause a tax hardship in the current year and proof is furnished that a large increase in expenditures will be required in the next succeeding fiscal year of the unit, a subsidy adjustment may be made and paid during the next succeeding year of the unit. The state board

shall have the authority to adopt reasonable rules and regulations to carry out the intent of this section.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

Some units are experiencing rapid increases in school costs in the year following enrollment increase. This bill would permit the state board to make subsidy adjustments for such units during the year when the tax hardship occurs.