

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H. P. 864

House of Representatives, February 26, 1973

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

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. MacLeod of Bar Harbor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

**AN ACT Increasing Reimbursement to Secondary School Students from
Coastal Islands for Room and Board.**

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

R. S., T. 20, § 1292, amended. Section 1292 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding 2 new paragraphs at the end to read as follows:

In the case of any youth qualified for attendance at a secondary school in accordance with this Title whose parent, legal guardian or person acting in loco parentis maintains a home for his family on a Maine coast island without highway connection with the mainland in any administrative unit not maintaining an approved secondary school, so located that in the judgment of the commissioner attendance at a secondary school necessitates boarding away from home and the arrangement is approved by him in advance upon a form provided for the purpose, the administrative unit wherein said pupil resides shall pay an amount for this purpose toward his board not equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ for the school year. Payment for said board shall be made, upon receipt of a satisfactory attendance record, at the end of periods not longer than one school month and shall be charged to the same account as that of secondary school tuition.

When any administrative unit shall be required to pay and has paid board for a youth or youths attending secondary schools under this section, the superintendent of schools of such administrative unit shall make a return under oath to the commissioner on a form provided for the purpose before the first day of September, annually, for the preceding school year, stating the name and exact residence of each youth for whom board has been paid,

the amount paid by the administrative unit for each and the name and location of the school which each has attended. Upon the approval of said return, the commissioner shall apportion to such administrative unit a sum equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ the amount thus paid by such administrative unit.

STATEMENT OF FACT

It is the intent of this legislation on behalf of the Islands of Cranberry Isles, Matinicus, Long Island Plantation, Isle Au Haut, Monhegan and Swans Island, to change the present formula and allow a 50% subsidy for room and board for high school students attending school on the mainland. These islands have had their subsidy reduced to the point where they are now receiving nothing for board and room.