

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1479

H. P. 1175

House of Representatives, March 25, 1975

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Bagley of Winthrop.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT To Limit School Tuition Increases.

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

Sec. 1. 20 MRSA § 1291, 2nd ¶, first sentence, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 589, § 6, is repealed as follows:

~~The annual tuition charge for any public or private school is limited to 115% of the allowable tuition charge of the previous year, including the allowable insured value factor.~~

Sec. 2. 20 MRSA § 1292, first ¶, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 571, § 31-A, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

The allowable tuition charge for all public and private secondary schools shall be computed as follows. All expenditures for public secondary education shall be included except expenditures for community services, major capital outlay, debt retirement, tuition and transportation, for the period July 1st to June 30th of the preceding year. The expenditures thus obtained, minus tuition receipts, shall be divided by the average number of resident public secondary pupils on October 1st and April 1st of the preceding year. The tuition rate thus determined for the preceding year shall be adjusted by the average change in public secondary education costs for the 2 preceding school years. The rate thus computed shall be the maximum legal tuition charge for all public and private secondary schools. In addition, a public or private secondary school may charge up to \$75 per pupil per year for the use of school facilities, except that units receiving state aid for major capital outlay shall have the facilities charge reduced in proportion to the amount of school construction aid for which that unit is eligible. Any administrative unit not main-

taining a high school or contracting for secondary school privileges may pay tuition for any student who with parent or legal guardian resides in said administrative unit and who attends an approved school of secondary grade in another state or country, but such tuition payment shall not exceed the average cost per pupil in all secondary schools of the State of Maine as determined in this section. Tuition may be paid for any student who attends an approved school of secondary grade in another state when said school specializes in the correction of physical defects and when by reason of a disability the individual requires a specialized type of training available in said school but not obtainable in any approved secondary school in the State of Maine.

Sec. 3. Effective date. For computation purposes the changes enacted by the passage of this Act shall be retroactive to August 1, 1975.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The changes proposed in this bill will make tuition charges consistent with the subsidy paid under chapter 510.