

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Office of the Clerk of the House

The Committee on Education suggested. Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Perkins of Blue Hill.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-EIGHT

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AN ACT Relating to Joint Committee Between George Stevens Academy and Nearby Towns.

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

P&SL 1963, c. 159 is amended to read:

**Joint committee between George Stevens Academy and nearby towns.** A joint committee may be formed consisting of 2 trustees of George Stevens Academy, 2 members of the superintending school committee of the Town of Blue Hill, one member of the superintending school committee of each town sending the majority of its secondary students and one additional member of the board of trustees for each such town sending the majority of its secondary students. Such joint committee shall be formed if approved by a majority vote of both the trustees of George Stevens Academy and the superintending school committee of the respective towns, and if each such town has authorized its superintending school committee to contract for one to 5 years with and pay the trustees of said academy for the schooling of ~~the majority~~ **all or part** of the secondary students within such town in the studies contemplated by the Revised Statutes, ~~chapter 41, section 98~~ **Title 20, section 1281**. The secretary of the joint committee shall be the superintendent of schools of the town in which the academy is geographically located. Except as provided by this act, the Revised Statutes, ~~chapter 41, section 105~~ **Title 20, section 1289** shall apply.

STATEMENT OF FACT

In 1976, it was brought to the attention of the Joint Committee for George Stevens Academy that the Town of Sedgwick had not voted to authorize its school committee to

contract for the education of a majority of its secondary students, although the town, in actual fact, was sending a majority. Because the private law which authorized the formation of the joint committee requires such a vote by a town, and because Sedgwick did not vote in accordance with this requirement, Sedgwick was no longer entitled to representation on the joint committee. The Sedgwick school committee wanted to be able to continue its membership on the joint committee, and the joint committee, as well as the board of trustees, wanted towns which send a majority of their secondary students to have representation.

In order to accomplish this, this bill amends the private and special law, 1963, chapter 159, to eliminate the requirement that the town vote to contract for a majority.