

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 972

H. P. 818

House of Representatives, February 24, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Curtis of Waldoboro.

Cosponsors: Representative Post of Owls Head and Senator Brown of Washington.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Boarding Cost Payments and Transportation Accounts for Secondary School Pupils in Remote Units under the Education Laws.

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

20 MRSA § 1291, sub-§ 5, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 633, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Any remote administrative unit, including a Maine coast island that does not have highway connections with the mainland, which does not maintain a secondary school shall pay an amount as determined by the administrative unit to cover the room and boarding costs of any student eligible to attend a secondary school in accordance with this section, provided that the commissioner has determined that boarding is the only reasonable alternative for the student to be able to obtain his secondary education. The arrangement to board the student or students, including the amount to be paid, must be approved by the commissioner in advance. Forms for this purpose shall be provided by the department. Parents or legal guardians of the students must reside within that remote administrative unit to be eligible under this section.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill allows the boarding cost figure of secondary school pupils from remote areas to be determined by the administrative unit, subject to approval by the commissioner.