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1 2	(EMERGENCY) (After Deadline)
3 4	SECOND REGULAR SESSION
5 6	ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
7 <b>8</b>	Legislative Document No. 2058
9	S.P. 755 In Senate, February 7, 1984
10 11	On Motion of Senator Pray of Penobscot, referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.  Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council
1.2	pursuant to Joint Rule 27.  JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate
13	Presented by Senator Twitchell of Oxford.  Cosponsor: Representative Jackson of Harrison.
14 15	STATE OF MAINE
16 17 18	IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR
19 20 21	AN ACT Relating to Funding of Stoneham Schools for 1984-85.
22 23 24	Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis- lature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
25 26 27	Whereas, the property of Evergreen Valley in the Town of Stoneham has become state property and exempt from property tax; and
28 29	Whereas, this change of status will not be accounted for in state valuation for 2 years; and
30 31 32 33	Whereas, school funding is based upon state valuation and Stoneham needs additional funding before the change of status is accounted for through state valuation; 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:

Special grant for school funding. Notwithstanding any provision of statute to the contrary the state allocation for general purpose aid shall be increased by \$3,856.50 for the Town of Stoneham for the 1984-85 year of distribution only.

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

## STATEMENT OF FACT

Since the bankruptcy of Evergreen Valley, the property is now owned by the State and is, therefore, exempt from property taxation. However, changes in status are not accounted for in state valuation until 2 years after the change. State funding for education is based upon state valuation and, therefore, will not increase as a result of the tax exemption for Evergreen Valley until 2 years after the change. This bill provides an immediate increase in state funding for education in the same amount that the town would receive if Evergreen Valley was removed from its state valuation immediately.

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