

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 117th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 874

H.P. 651

House of Representatives, March 21, 1995

**An Act to Establish Tuition Rates for the Unorganized Territory Schools  
Based on a State Average.**

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Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BAILEY of Township 27.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, LOOK of Jonesboro,  
Senator: CASSIDY of Washington.

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

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Sec. 1. 20-A MRS §3304, sub-§1, as enacted PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, is amended to read:

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1. **Charges.** The commissioner may make allowances or adjustments for transportation costs or other services furnished by a sending unit for students sent as tuition students to a school in an unorganized unit. ~~Per~~ The per student tuition charges shall ~~must~~ be computed ~~as follows:~~ equal to the average state educational program cost per student.

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~~A. The total cost of schooling for the preceding fiscal year, excluding employer retirement contributions made by the State and transportation costs for the unorganized unit in which the school is located, and the total amount of assessment for capital expenditures made for the preceding fiscal year, shall be divided by the average daily membership of students in the unorganized unit during the preceding school year.~~

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A municipality which that has contributed to the cost of the school building in compliance with a special legislative Act shall is not required to pay the part of a tuition charge related to capital expenditures.

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**STATEMENT OF FACT**

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This bill requires that student tuition paid to a school in an unorganized territory be equivalent to the average state educational program cost per student.