

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1010

S.P. 302

In Senate, February 11, 1997

An Act Regarding Nonresident School Tuition.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative JONES of Bar Harbor and Senator ABROMSON of
Cumberland, Representative GEIRINGER of Portland.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §5805, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 1981, c.
693, §§5 and 8, is amended to read:

6 **2. Maximum allowable tuition.** The maximum allowable
8 tuition charge by a public secondary school shall-be is the rate
10 computed under subsection 1 or the state average per public
12 secondary student cost as adjusted, whichever is lower, plus an
14 insured value factor. The insured value factor is computed by
16 dividing 5% of the insured value of school buildings and
18 equipment by the average number of pupils enrolled in the school
20 on October 1st and April 1st of the school year immediately
22 before the school year for which the tuition charge is computed.
24 It may not exceed 10% of a school's legal tuition rate per
26 student in any one school year beginning with the 1988-89 school
year.

SUMMARY

22 This bill extends the insured value factor provision
24 currently in effect for private secondary schools to public
26 secondary schools. When a school administrative unit agrees to
accept tuition students from another municipality, the insured
value factor enables the receiving school to assess a somewhat
higher tuition rate to compensate for their operating costs.