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# Seventieth Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 307

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND ONE.

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AN ACT to amend sections twenty-eight and thirty-five of chapter eleven of the Revised Statutes relating to the Free High School year.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

Section 1. Section twenty-eight of chapter eleven of  
2 the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred  
3 and sixteen of the Public Laws of 1893 is hereby further  
4 amended as follows: by striking out the word "December"  
5 in the tenth line of said section and inserting in lieu  
6 thereof the word 'January;'; by striking out the word  
7 "June" in the twelfth line of said section and inserting in  
8 lieu thereof the word 'July;'; and by striking out the word  
9 "December" in the thirteenth line of said section and

10 inserting in lieu thereof the word 'January ;' so that said  
11 section as amended shall read as follows :

'Sect. 28. Any town which establishes and maintains a  
13 free high school as provided by this section and the seven  
14 following, for at least ten weeks in any one year, shall,  
15 on complying with the conditions hereinafter set forth,  
16 receive from the state one-half the amount actually ex-  
17 pended for instruction in said school, not exceeding two  
18 hundred and fifty dollars ; provided, that no town shall  
19 receive such state aid unless its appropriation and expen-  
20 diture for such school has been exclusive of the amounts  
21 required by law for common school purposes. Such aid  
22 shall be paid from the state treasury on and after the first  
23 day of each January, upon certification by the governor  
24 and council as provided by section thirty-five. But when-  
25 ever a town or precinct desires to draw its state aid semi-  
26 annually, it shall be paid on and after the first days of  
27 July and January ; provided, that the superintendent of  
28 such town makes, semi-annually, before said days, the  
29 report required in section thirty-five.'

Sect. 2. Section thirty-five of chapter eleven of the  
2 Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred  
3 and sixteen of the Public Laws of 1893, is hereby further  
4 amended by striking out the word "June" in the second  
5 line of said section and inserting in lieu thereof the word  
6 'July,' so that said section as amended shall read as fol-  
7 lows :

'Section 35. Superintendents shall, annually, before the  
9 first day of July, make returns under oath to the State  
10 Superintendent, on blanks prepared and sent by him, of  
11 the amount appropriated and the amount expended by

12 each town or precinct for instruction in such free high  
13 schools during the current year ; also of the amount appro-  
14 priated and the amount expended for common school pur-  
15 poses by each town maintaining the same ; the number of  
16 weeks during which such schools have been taught ; the  
17 wages paid each teacher ; the number of pupils registered ;  
18 the average attendance ; the number of pupils in each  
19 branch of study pursued, and the amount received for tui-  
20 tion. If the State Superintendent is satisfied that the pro-  
21 visions of the seven preceding sections have been com-  
22 plied with, he shall certify to the governor and council  
23 the sum which each town or precinct is entitled to receive  
24 from the State. Any town or precinct, dissatisfied with  
25 his decision, may appeal to the governor and council.  
26 The governor and council shall issue a certificate to the  
27 treasurer of the town or agent of the precinct, for such  
28 amount as they adjudge such town or precinct entitled to  
29 receive from the State treasury. Any person connected  
30 with the management of such free high schools, either as  
31 teacher, agent or superintendent, who in any way aids or  
32 abets in defrauding the State into the payment in support  
33 of said schools of more than is contemplated by this  
34 chapter, shall forfeit not less than five hundred dollars,  
35 or be imprisoned in the county jail not less than one year.'

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, March 6, 1901.

Reported by Mr. WALLS of Vinalhaven, from Committee on Education, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*