

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Seventieth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 45

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT relating to Academies.

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

Section 1. Whenever it shall be made to appear to the gov-
2 ernor and council, from returns made as hereinafter provided,
3 that any incorporated academy in the State is prepared to
4 give instruction equivalent to that required by law to be
5 given in free high schools, that the pupils attending the said
6 academy are qualified to receive such instruction, and that
7 the teachers in the said academy have the qualifications fit-
8 ting them to give instruction in secondary school studies,
9 such academy shall be entitled to receive annually from the
10 state a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars in case it

11 maintains an English secondary school course of study as
12 prescribed by the educational department of the State, and
13 has an average attendance from towns and cities other than
14 the municipality or jurisdiction in which said academy is
15 located of at least ten students, or a sum not exceeding seven
16 hundred and fifty dollars in case it maintains in addition to
17 an English course, a college preparatory course, and has an
18 average attendance from towns and cities other than the
19 municipality or jurisdiction in which said academy is located
20 of at least twenty students, or a sum not exceeding one thou-
21 sand dollars in case it maintains an English course, a college
22 preparatory course and a training course for teachers, and
23 has an average attendance from towns and cities other than
24 the municipality or jurisdiction in which said academy is
25 located of at least forty students; provided, the courses of
26 study herein named shall be subject to the approval of the
27 educational department of the state; and provided, that the
28 amount paid by the state to any academy under this act shall
29 be expended by the said academy for instruction during the
30 year for which payment is made, and shall not exceed the
31 total income of the said academy from all other sources; and
32 provided further, that in addition to the amount received
33 from the state, a sum equal thereto shall be expended for
34 instruction and maintenance of the academy during said
35 year; and provided, further, that every academy receiving
36 money from the state under this act shall provide instruction
37 as contemplated by this act for not less than thirty weeks in
38 each year; and provided, further, that no academy shall be
39 credited with maintaining a course of study under this act

40 unless the said academy shall have an average of not less than
41 twelve students in said course.

Sect. 2. The treasurer of state is hereby authorized and
2 directed to pay annually to the legal representatives of such
3 academies as shall be entitled to receive money from the state
4 under this act, at the times and in the manner provided by
5 law for the payment of money in aid of free high schools, the
6 amounts to which they shall be severally entitled under this
7 act; provided, that no payment shall be made to any academy
8 until the state educational department shall have certified to
9 the treasurer of state all the facts which by this act are made
10 necessary to entitle an academy to receive money from the
11 state under this act.

Sect. 3. Any town or precinct providing free tuition for
2 its high school scholars in any academy, shall receive state
3 aid to the amount of one-half the sum expended for such
4 instruction, provided, no town shall receive to exceed two
5 hundred and fifty dollars in any given year; and provided,
6 further, that no town shall receive state aid under this act
7 if a free high school of standard grade is maintained in said
8 town.

Sect. 4. No academy shall receive state aid under this act
2 unless incorporated prior to the date of approval of said act.

Sect. 5. No academy shall receive state aid under this act
2 unless the average attendance in said academy for the year
3 preceding shall exceed thirty students, and no academy shall
4 receive to exceed five hundred dollars unless the average
5 attendance in said academy for the year preceding shall
6 exceed sixty students.

Sect. 6. No academy shall receive state aid under this act
2 if said academy has an annual income from invested funds
3 exceeding sixteen hundred dollars, and no academy shall
4 receive state aid to exceed five hundred dollars in any given
5 year provided the said academy has an annual income from
6 invested funds exceeding one thousand dollars.

Sect. 7. The officers and teachers of every academy receiv-
2 ing money from the state under this act shall make such
3 report to the state educational department as may from time
4 to time be required.

Sect. 8. All acts and parts of acts relating to state aid
2 granted to academies inconsistent with this act, are hereby
3 repealed.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 7, 1901.

Reported by Mr. PLUMMER from Committee on Education, and laid
on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*