## MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 470

## STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend section seventy-six and section eighty of chapter fifteen of the Revised Statutes relating to state aid to academies.

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

Section 1. Section seventy-six of chapter fifteen of the 2 Revised Statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the 3 tenth and eleventh lines of said section the words "and has

4 an average attendance from towns and cities other than the

5 municipality or jurisdiction in which said academy is located

6 of at least ten students" and by striking out in the fifteenth,

7 sixteenth and seventeenth lines of said section the words

8 "and has an average attendance from towns and cities other

9 than in the municipality or jurisdiction in which said acad-

10 emy is located of at least twenty students" and by striking
11 out in the nineteenth, twentieth and twenty-first lines of said
12 section the words "and has an average attendance from
13 towns and cities other than the municipality or jurisdiction
14 in which said academy is located of at least forty students"
15 so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Section 76. Whenever it shall be made to appear to the 17 governor and council, from returns made as herein pro-18 vided, that any incorporated academy in the state is prepared 19 to give instruction equivalent to that required by law to be 20 given in free high schools, that the pupils attending the said 21 academy, are qualified to receive such instruction, and that 22 the teachers in the said academy have the qualifications fitting 23 them to give instruction in secondary school studies, such 24 academy shall be entitled to receive annually from the state 25 a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars in case it maintains 26 an English secondary school course of study as prescribed 27 by the state superintendent of public schools, or a sum not 28 exceeding seven hundred and fifty dollars in case it main-29 tains in addition to an English course, a college preparatory 30 course or a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars in case 31 it maintains an English course, a college preparatory course 32 and a training course for teachers provided the courses of 33 study herein named shall be subject to the approval of the 34 state superintendent of public schools, and provided, that 35 the amount paid by the state to any academy under this 36 section shall be expended by the said academy for instruction 37 during the year for which payment is made, and shall not 38 exceed the total income of the said academy from all other 39 sources; and provided further, that in addition to the amount 40 received from the state, a sum equal thereto shall be 41 expended for instruction and maintenance of the academy 42 during said year; and provided further, that every academy 43 receiving money from the state under this section shall pro-44 vide instruction as contemplated by this section for not less 45 than thirty weeks in each year; and provided further, that 46 no academy shall be credited with maintaining a course of 47 study under this section unless the said academy shall have 48 an average of not less than twelve students in said course.'

Sect. 2. Section eighty of chapter fifteen of the Revised 2 Statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word 3 "preceding" in the second line thereof the words 'or for five 4 years next preceding' so that said section as amended shall 5 read as follows:

'No academy shall receive state aid under section sev7 enty-six unless the average attendance in said academy for
8 the year preceding or for five years next preceding shall
9 exceed thirty students, and no academy shall receive to
10 exceed five hundred dollars unless the average attendance in
11 said academy for the year preceding shall exceed sixty
12 students.'

## STATE OF MAINE.

House of Representatives, Augusta, March 8, 1907.

Reported by Mr. LORD from Committee on Education, and ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, Clerk.