

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 93

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*House of Representatives, Feb. 9, 1915.*

*Ordered, That five hundred copies be printed and that the same be referred to the Committee on Education.*

*Committee on Reference.*

*Presented by Mr. Wescott of Bluehill.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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RESOLVE, reimbursing Bluehill-George Stevens Academy for money expended for a secondary school in the town of Bluehill.

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*Resolved, That there be and is appropriated in favor of*  
2 *Bluehill-George Stevens Academy the sum of five hundred*  
3 *dollars; said sum to be paid to said academy as reimburse-*  
4 *ment on account of loss of state aid for the year 1914.*



## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The Bluehill-George Stevens Academy is maintained jointly by the Bluehill Academy which was incorporated in 1804, and the George Stevens Academy which was incorporated in 1891. This union was effected as neither fund was sufficient to maintain a school which would measure up to the modern standards. By close economy the income from these two funds, tuition, aid from the town and aid from the state enables it to maintain a school of the standard of a Class A high school, and it is approved as such by the State Superintendent of Public Schools. Three courses are offered, English, college preparatory and teachers' training. An efficient corps of teachers are in charge. Two of them are college graduates and the third is a normal graduate and each is a teacher of ability and experience.

The principal for the school year ending last June resigned at the close of the school year and during the year the secretary-treasurer of the board of managing trustees died after a lingering sickness. Late in the year the new principal and officers discovered that no report had been made, and before they could ascertain the facts and make up such a report as is required the time limited in the statute for the making of such report had expired. The report was filed early in January, but as the State Superintendent of Public Schools has no power to waive the failure to file the report before the first day of January the school will receive no state aid for the year 1914. To lose this will seriously cripple the work of the school and will necessitate either the use of part of the invested fund or the giving up of one of the courses of study. This resolve is therefore introduced to reimburse the school for loss of state aid to which it was entitled but which the State Superintendent of Public Schools is unable to certify to the Governor and Council owing to the fact that the report was filed a few days late which delay was occasioned by the death of the secretary and the resignation of the principal as above stated.