

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 664

House of Representatives, March 12, 1915.

*Reported by Mr. Ricker from Committee on Education and
ordered printed under joint rules.*

C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE in Favor of Somerset Academy in the Town of
Athens.

Resolved, that there be and hereby is appropriated in favor
2 of the trustees of Somerset Academy in the town of Athens
3 the sum of five hundred dollars, said sum being the amount
4 which would have been paid to the trustees of said academy
5 under provisions of the law for aid to academies had the at-
6 tendance of students at said academy for the year ending
7 July 1, 1914, been sufficiently large to meet the require-
8 ments of the statutes providing for aid to academies.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The provisions of the law in relation to the payment of aid to academies are given in sections 76-82 of chapter 15 of the revised statutes as amended. Under the provisions of section 80 of said chapter no academy shall receive state aid unless the average attendance in said academy for the year preceding or for five years next preceding shall exceed thirty students.

The average attendance at Somerset Academy for the year ending July 1, 1914, was 25.38 and the average attendance for the five years preceding was 26. Under these conditions it was not possible for the state superintendent of public schools to certify for the payment of state aid as provided for by section 76 of chapter 15.

If the average attendance at this academy had been in excess of thirty or if the average attendance for the five years next preceding had been in excess of thirty, Somerset Academy would have been entitled to receive the sum of five hundred dollars for the year ending July 1, 1914.

This institution has a small income from invested funds amounting only to two hundred twenty-eight dollars for the year ending July 1, 1914. It is greatly dependent upon the aid paid by the State.