

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 268

In Senate, March 4, 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. Allen of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend section sixty-three of chapter fifteen of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred thirteen, as amended by chapter seventy-three of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred seven, as amended by chapter one hundred sixteen of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred nine, as amended by chapter fifty-seven of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred thirteen, relating to Tuition of Pupils in Secondary Schools.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section sixty-three of chapter fifteen of the public laws of
2 nineteen hundred thirteen, as amended by chapter seventy-
3 three of the public laws of nineteen hundred seven, as
4 amended by chapter one hundred sixteen of the public laws

5 of nineteen hundred nine, as amended by chapter fifty-seven
6 of the public laws of nineteen hundred thirteen, is hereby
7 further amended by inserting after the word "scholarship"
8 in the thirtieth line thereof the following: 'Any youth who
9 otherwise meets the requirements of this section with refer-
10 ence to admission to secondary schools shall be entitled to
11 the payment of his tuition, as herein provided, in any high
12 school of the B or C class for such part of the course of
13 such high school as may be approved as equivalent in grade
14 to the corresponding years of a standard secondary course,'
15 so that said section when amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 63. Any youth who resides with a parent or guard-
17 ian in any town which does not support and maintain a
18 standard secondary school, may attend any approved sec-
19 ondary school to which he may gain entrance by permission
20 of those having charge thereof, provided the said youth shall
21 attend a school or schools whose courses are approved by
22 the state superintendent of schools, and in such case the
23 tuition of said youth, not to exceed thirty dollars annually
24 for any one youth, shall be paid by the town in which he
25 resides as aforesaid, and said tuition so paid, shall be made
26 a part of the high school fund of the town receiving the
27 same; and towns shall raise annually, as other school moneys
28 are raised, a sum sufficient to pay such tuition charges,
29 provided, however, that no youth shall be entitled to free
30 tuition under the provisions of this section unless he shall

31 have satisfactorily passed an examination in common school
32 branches, said examination having been given under the
33 direction of the superintendent of schools of the town where-
34 in such youth resides, on papers procured from the state
35 superintendent of public schools, or unless such youth shall
36 have satisfactorily completed a standard common school
37 course of study which has been approved by the state super-
38 intendent of public schools; except that any youth who has
39 satisfactorily completed the course of a B or C class high
40 school, as provided by chapter seventy-one of the public
41 laws of nineteen hundred nine, shall be entitled to his free
42 tuition as hereinbefore provided for the completion of the
43 four years of a standard secondary course without the ex-
44 amination herein prescribed, provided, further, that such
45 free tuition privilege shall continue only so long as said
46 youth shall maintain a satisfactory standard of deportment
47 and scholarship. Any youth who otherwise meets the re-
48 quirements of this section with reference to admission to
49 secondary schools shall be entitled to the payment of his
50 tuition, as herein provided, in any high school of the B or
51 C class for such part of the course of such high school as
52 may be approved as equivalent in grade to the correspond-
53 ing years of a standard secondary course. It shall be the
54 duty of superintendents of schools to issue certificates of
55 free tuition privilege to persons who may be entitled to free
56 tuition under the provisions of this section.'