

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 381

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*In Senate, March 18, 1915.*

*Reported by Sen. Walker from Committee on Education, and  
ordered printed under joint rules.*

*W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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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 hun-  
dred 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.

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

Section sixty-three of chapter fifteen of the public laws  
2 of nineteen hundred thirteen as amended by chapter sev-  
3 enty-three of the public laws of nineteen hundred seven  
4 as amended by chapter one hundred sixteen of the public  
5 laws of nineteen hundred nine as amended by chapter fifty-

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

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

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