

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

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NO. 565

*House of Representatives, March 14, 1917.*

*Referred to Committee on Education and one thousand ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.*

*W. R. ROIX, Clerk.*

*Presented by Mr. Barnes of Houlton.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to amend Section 85 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes providing a maximum annual tuition in secondary schools of the state.

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

Section eighty-five of Chapter sixteen of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by striking out the word "thirty" in the seventh line thereof and inserting in its place the word 'forty-five', so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 85. Any youth who resides with a parent or guar-

2 dian in any town which does not support and maintain a  
3 standard secondary school, may attend any approved sec-  
4 ondary school to which he may gain entrance by permis-  
5 sion of those having charge thereof, provided the said youth  
6 shall attend a school or schools whose courses are approved  
7 by the state superintendent of public schools, and in such  
8 case the tuition of said youth, not to exceed forty-five dol-  
9 lars annually for any one youth, shall be paid by the town  
10 in which he resides as aforesaid, and said tuition so paid,  
11 shall be made a part of the high school fund of the town  
12 receiving the same; and towns shall raise annually, as other  
13 school moneys are raised, a sum sufficient to pay such tui-  
14 tion charges; provided, however, that no youth shall be  
15 entitled to free tuition under the provisions of this section  
16 unless he shall have satisfactorily passed an examination in  
17 common school branches, said examination having been  
18 given under the direction of the superintendent of schools  
19 of the town wherein such youth resides, on papers procured  
20 from the state superintendent of public schools, or unless  
21 such youth shall have satisfactorily completed a standard  
22 common school course of study which has been approved  
23 by the state superintendent of public schools; except that  
24 any youth who has satisfactorily completed the course of  
25 a B or C class high school, as provided by Section seventy-  
26 three, shall be entitled to his free tuition as hereinbefore  
27 provided for the completion of the four years of a stand-  
28 ard secondary course without the examination herein pre-

29 scribed; provided, further, that such free tuition privilege  
30 shall continue only so long as said youth shall maintain a  
31 satisfactory standard of deportment and scholarship. Any  
32 youth who otherwise meets the requirements of this sec-  
33 tion with reference to admission to secondary schools shall  
34 be entitled to the payment of his tuition, as herein provided,  
35 in any high school of the B or C class for such part of the  
36 course of such high school as may be approved as equivalent  
37 in grade to the corresponding years of a standard secondary  
38 course. Superintendent of schools shall issue certificates of  
39 free tuition privilege to persons who may be entitled to free  
40 tuition under the provisions of this section.'