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STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Amend Section 85 of Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes providing a Maximum Annual Tuition in Secondary Schools of the State.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:
Section I. 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
4 its place the word 'thirty-six,' so that said section as
5 amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 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 secon-

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4 dary school to which he may gain entrance by permission of 5 those having charge thereof, provided the said youth shall 6 attend a school or schools whose courses are approved by 7 the state superintendent of public schools, and in such case 8 the tuition of said youth, not to exceed thirty-six dollars 9 annually for any one youth, shall be paid by the town in 10 which he resides as aforesaid, and said tuition so paid, shall II be made a part of the high school fund of the town receiv-12 ing the same; and towns shall raise annually, as other school 13 moneys are raised, a sum sufficient to pay such tuition 14 charges; provided, however, that no youth shall be entitled to 15 free tuition under the provisions of this section unless he 16 shall have satisfactorily passed an examination in common 17 school branches, said examination having been given under 18 the direction of the superintendent of schools of the town 19 wherein such youth resides, on papers procured from the 20 state superintendent of public schools, or unless such youth 21 shall have satisfactorily completed a standard common school 22 course of study which has been approved by the state su-23 perintendent of public schools; except that youth who 24 has satisfactorily completed the course of a B or C class 25 high school, as provided by section seventy-three, shall be 26 entitled to his free tuition as hereinbefore provided for the 27 completion of the four years of a standard secondary course 28 without the examination herein prescribed; provided, fur-29 ther, that such free tuition privilege shall continue only so 30 long as said youth shall maintain a satisfactory standard of

31 deportment and scholarship. Any youth who otherwise 32 meets the requirements of this section with reference to 33 admission to secondary schools shall be entitled to the pay-34 ment of his tuition, as herein provided, in any high school 35 of the B or C class for such part of the course of such high 36 school as may be approved as equivalent in grade to the 37 corresponding years of a standard secondary course. Su-38 perintendents of schools shall issue certificates of free tui-39 tion privilege to persons who may be entitled to free tuition 40 under the provisions of this section.'