

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 249

House of Representatives, February 25, 1919.

Referred to Committee on Education and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Varney of Jonesboro.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Section Eighty-five of Chapter Sixteen of the Revised Statutes as Amended by Chapter Two Hundred and Twenty-nine of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen Relating to Tuition Paid by Towns for Secondary School Pupils.

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

Section eighty-five of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes as amended by chapter two hundred and twenty-nine of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen is hereby further amended by striking out all of said section and substituting in place thereof the following so that said section when 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
6 youth shall attend a school or schools whose courses are
7 approved by the state superintendent of public schools,
8 and in such cases the tuition of said youth, not to exceed
9 forty-five dollars annually for any one youth, shall be paid
10 by the town in which he resides as aforesaid, and said tui-
11 tion so paid, shall be made a part of the high school fund
12 of the town receiving the same; and towns shall raise an-
13 nually, as other school moneys are raised, a sum suffi-
14 cient to pay such tuition charges; provided, however, that
15 no youth shall be entitled to free tuition under the provi-
16 sions of this section unless he shall have satisfactorily
17 passed an examination in common school branches, said
18 examination having been given under the direction of the
19 superintendent of schools of the town wherein such youth
20 resides, on papers procured from the state superintendent
21 of public schools, or unless such youth shall have satis-
22 factorily completed a standard common school course of
23 study which has been approved by the state superintendent
24 of public schools; except that any youth who has satisfac-
25 torily completed the course of a B class or Junior high
26 school, as provided by section seventy-three, shall be en-
27 titled to his free tuition as hereinbefore provided for the
28 completion of the four years of a standard secondary course

29 without the examination herein prescribed; provided, fur-
30 ther, that such free tuition privilege shall continue only
31 so long as said youth shall maintain a satisfactory stand-
32 ard of deportment and scholarship. Any youth who other-
33 wise meets the requirements of this section with reference
34 to admission to secondary schools shall be entitled to the
35 payment of his tuition, as herein provided, in any high
36 school of the B class or Junior high school for such part
37 of the course of such high school as may be approved as
38 equivalent in grade to the corresponding years of a standard
39 secondary course. Superintendents of schools shall issue
40 certificates of free tuition privilege to persons who may be
41 entitled to free tuition under the provisions of this sec-
42 tion. Any school receiving tuition pupils under the provi-
43 sions of this section shall provide, without additional
44 charge, all textbooks, apparatus and appliances used by
45 said pupils, subject to the provisions of sections twenty-
46 two to twenty-four, inclusive, of this chapter.