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**EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE**

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND  
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE**

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AN ACT to Amend Sections Eighty-five and Eighty-six of  
Chapter Sixteen of the Revised Statutes as Amended by  
Chapter Two Hundred Twenty-nine of the Public Laws of  
Nineteen Hundred Seventeen, Chapter Ninety-six of the  
Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred Nineteen and Chapter  
One Hundred and Three of the Public Laws of Nineteen  
Hundred Nineteen Providing for an Increase in the Amount  
of Tuition to Be Paid by Towns for Secondary School Pu-  
pils and in the Amount of State Aid for the Same.

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

Section 1. Section eighty-five of chapter sixteen of the  
2 revised statutes as amended by chapter two hundred twenty-

3 nine of the public laws of nineteen hundred seventeen, and  
4 as further amended by chapter ninety-six of the public laws  
5 of nineteen hundred nineteen, is hereby amended by strik-  
6 ing out the word "forty-five" in the seventh line thereof  
7 and substituting in place therefor the word 'sixty' and by  
8 adding after the word "charges" in the eleventh line thereof  
9 the following: 'provided, however, that any town not sup-  
10 porting and maintaining a standard secondary school may  
11 vote to authorize the superintending school committee to  
12 pay tuition charges in excess of sixty dollars per pupil to  
13 the maximum amount of one hundred dollars per pupil,  
14 but the amount so paid shall not be in excess of the aver-  
15 age cost per pupil for the year preceding that for which  
16 the tuition is paid in the school attended by said pupil', so  
17 that the 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 permission  
5 of 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 sixty dollars annual-  
9 ly for any one youth, shall be paid by the town in which  
10 he resides as aforesaid, and said tuition so paid, shall be  
11 made a part of the high school fund of the town receiving  
12 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 any town not supporting  
15 and maintaining a standard secondary school may vote to  
16 authorize the superintending school committee to pay tui-  
17 tion charges in excess of sixty dollars per pupil to the max-  
18 imum amount of one hundred dollars per pupil, but the  
19 amount so paid shall not be in excess of the average cost  
20 per pupil for the year preceding that for which the tuition  
21 is paid in the school attended by said pupil; provided, how-  
22 ever, that no youth shall be entitled to free tuition under  
23 the provisions of this section unless he shall have satisfac-  
24 torily passed an examination in common school branches,  
25 said examination having been given under the direction of  
26 the superintendent of schools of the town wherein such  
27 youth resides, on papers procured from the state superin-  
28 tendent of public schools, or unless such youths shall have  
29 satisfactorily completed a standard common school course  
30 of study which has been approved by the state superintend-  
31 ent of public schools; except that any youth who has sat-  
32 isfactorily completed the course of a B class or junior high  
33 school, as provided by section seventy-three, shall be entitled  
34 to his free tuition, as hereinbefore provided, for the com-  
35 pletion of the four years of a standard secondary course  
36 without the examination herein prescribed; provided, fur-  
37 ther, that such free tuition privilege shall continue only so  
38 long as said youth shall maintain a satisfactory standard  
39 of deportment and scholarship. Any youth who otherwise  
40 meets the requirements of this section with reference to ad-  
41 mission to secondary schools shall be entitled to the pay-

42 ment of his tuition, as herein provided, in any high school  
43 of the B class or junior high school for such part of the  
44 course of such high school as may be approved as equivalent  
45 in grade to the corresponding years of a standard secondary  
46 course. Superintendents of schools shall issue certificates  
47 of free tuition privilege to persons who may be entitled to  
48 free tuition under the provisions of this section. Any school  
49 receiving tuition pupils under the provisions of this section  
50 shall provide, without additional charge, all text-books, ap-  
51 paratus and appliances used by said pupils, subject to the  
52 provisions of sections twenty-two to twenty-four, inclusive,  
53 of this chapter.'

Sect. 2. Section eighty-six of chapter sixteen of the re-  
2 vised statutes as amended by chapter one hundred and  
3 three of the public laws of nineteen hundred nineteen is  
4 hereby further amended by adding after the word "dollars"  
5 in the last line thereof the following: 'for any town or forty  
6 dollars for any youth', so that said section, when amended,  
7 shall read as follows:

'Sect. 86. When any town shall have been required to pay  
2 and has paid tuition as aforesaid, the superintendent of  
3 schools of such town shall make a return under oath to  
4 the state superintendent of public schools before the first  
5 day of September for the preceding school year, stating the  
6 name of each youth, for whom tuition has been paid, the  
7 amount paid for each, and the name and location of the  
8 school which each has attended, and thereupon shall be paid,  
9 annually in the month of December, from the state treasury

10 out of the appropriation for the support of free high schools,  
11 to each town paying tuition and making return as aforesaid,  
12 a sum equal to two-thirds of the amount thus paid by such  
13 town, not exceeding five hundred dollars for any town or  
14 forty dollars for any youth.'