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S. P. 636

House of Representatives, Apr. 8, 1927.

Reported by a majority of Committee on Education. On motion Mr. Chase, majority and minority reports tabled pending motion of Mr. Brewster to accept majority report and new draft and Senate Amendment A ordered printed.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Provide State Aid for Maintenance and Upkeep
of Academies, Institutes, Seminaries and Junior Colleges.

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

Section 1. Sections ninety-eight, ninety-nine, one hundred,
2 one hundred and one, one hundred and two, one hundred
3 and three and one hundred and four of the revised statutes
4 are hereby amended by striking out said sections and insert-
5 ing in place thereof the following:

Sect. 2. Whenever in this act the word "academy" occurs
2 it shall be construed to mean also "seminary," "institute" or

3 “junior college” as these terms are commonly accepted in
4 this state and shall be in academic instruction beyond the
5 elementary school but shall not represent a full college
6 course, and shall be operating under private charter.

Sect. 3. Each and every institution which shares in the
2 benefits of the funds provided in this act shall meet the
3 requirements and standards for the approval of free public
4 high schools in courses of study, methods of instruction,
5 essential equipment, number and certification of teachers,
6 and shall be approved by the state commissioner of edu-
7 cation.

Sect. 4. Every educational institution receiving state aid
2 and the officers of every academy sharing in the benefits as
3 provided herein, and every school or academy approved for
4 tuition purposes shall, annually, on or before the first of
5 August of each year, report to the commissioner of educa-
6 tion on forms provided by him, the number of students, both
7 residents of the state and otherwise, their attendance, an
8 account of all moneys received and expended during the
9 preceding year, the number and names of instructors and
10 such other items as may be required from time to time.
11 Every such institution failing to comply with the require-
12 ments herein shall forfeit whatever state aid or assistance
13 it would otherwise receive.

Sect. 5. Each academy shall receive a flat sum of four
2 hundred dollars annually and in addition thereto shall receive
3 an apportionment of twenty dollars for each student in

4 academies with an enrolment of one hundred or less, fifteen
5 dollars for each student in academies with an enrolment
6 of more than one hundred and less than one hundred thirty,
7 ten dollars for each student in academies with an enrolment
8 of one hundred thirty and less than one hundred sixty and
9 five dollars for each student in academies with an enrol-
10 ment of more than one hundred sixty.

Sect. 6. When students register for the first time in any
2 academy which is to share in the benefits of this act, or to
3 receive tuition from public funds, each student must present
4 a certificate from the superintendent of the town of which
5 said student is a resident, stating that the work as required
6 by the elementary schools of the town has been completed
7 in satisfactory manner.

Sect. 7. (a) No academy shall share in the benefits of
2 this act unless established prior to July first, nineteen hun-
3 dred twenty. (b) The minimum award under the pro-
4 visions of this act shall be five hundred dollars and the
5 maximum amount shall be twenty-five hundred, provided
6 these amounts shall not include any award from the pro-
7 visions for equalization. (c) No academy shall receive state
8 aid which does not maintain an average of twenty-five stud-
9 ents. Provided the commissioner of education may with the
10 approval of the governor and council make such award to
11 any academy which is deemed of special service and which
12 may have fewer students, but such award shall not exceed
13 five hundred dollars. (d) Any academy which receives

14 special appropriation from the legislature for maintenance
15 and upkeep for any year shall become thereby ineligible to
16 share in the benefits of this act for that year. (e) No
17 academy shall receive more than one-half of its required
18 funds from state aid. (f) No academy shall receive aid
19 as provided herein if said academy has an annual income
20 from vested funds exceeding five thousand dollars, but may
21 receive an award from the academy equalization fund if it
22 is recommended by the commissioner of education and ap-
23 proved by the governor and council, and the condition of its
24 funds are deemed inadequate to maintain the required effi-
25 ciency. Provided, also, that this act aside from the equali-
26 zation fund shall not apply to new construction or relief
27 from debts.

Sect. 8. In order to facilitate the welfare of such acad-
2 emies as are contemplated in this act there is hereby estab-
3 lished an annual equalization fund of eight thousand dollars,
4 which may be apportioned in amounts not exceeding one
5 thousand dollars in any one academy for any one year.
6 Whenever it shall appear from the reports, financial and
7 statistical, and from such investigation as the commissioner
8 of education shall make, either personally or by assistants,
9 that any academy is in special need and especially for the
10 encouragement of junior colleges, the commissioner of edu-
11 cation may recommend such amounts as he may deem
12 necessary within the limits herein prescribed and upon ap-

13 proval of the governor and council an award may be made
14 in the manner herein prescribed.

Sect. 9. The operation of the academy equalization fund
2 as provided in this act shall not become effective until July
3 first, nineteen hundred twenty-nine, but in lieu thereof the
4 following institutions shall share for each of the fiscal years
5 of the biennium beginning July first, nineteen hundred
6 twenty-seven, and closing June thirtieth, nineteen hundred
7 twenty-nine, in the amounts named in this section, such
8 appropriations to cover maintenance and upkeep. Anson
9 Academy, thirteen hundred fifty dollars; Bridgton Academy,
10 sixteen hundred ninety dollars; Freedom Academy, eleven
11 hundred sixty dollars; Hampden Academy, fifteen hundred
12 seventy dollars; Lee Academy, thirteen hundred fifty dol-
13 lars; Litchfield Academy, four hundred eighty dollars;
14 Maine Central Institute, two thousand dollars; Oakgrove
15 Seminary, fifteen hundred sixty dollars; Traip Academy,
16 one thousand dollars; St. Joseph's Academy, one thousand
17 dollars; Ricker Classical Institute, one thousand dollars;
18 Lincoln Academy, twelve hundred twenty-five dollars.

Sect. 10. The following institutions shall not share in the
2 distribution of the regular academy aid for the biennium
3 beginning July first, nineteen hundred twenty-seven, and
4 closing June thirtieth, nineteen hundred twenty-nine, but
5 shall receive the following amounts for each of the fiscal
6 years: Bridge Academy, five hundred dollars; Corinna Un-
7 ion Academy, seven hundred fifty dollars; Eastern Maine

8 Conference Seminary, seven hundred fifty dollars; Foxcroft
9 Academy, seven hundred fifty dollars; Greeley Institute, five
10 hundred dollars; East Corinth Academy, one thousand dol-
11 lars; Patten Academy, seven hundred fifty dollars; Potter
12 Academy, five hundred dollars; Somerset Academy, seven
13 hundred fifty dollars; Wiscasset Academy, seven hundred
14 fifty dollars; Calais Academy, seven hundred fifty dollars;
15 Mattanawcook Academy, one thousand dollars.

Sect. 11. There is hereby appropriated for each of the
2 years of the legislative biennium beginning July first, nine-
3 teen hundred twenty-seven, and closing June thirtieth, nine-
4 teen hundred twenty-nine, the following amounts to the
5 institutions designated: Oakgrove Seminary for furniture
6 and equipment, twenty-five hundred dollars; Anson Acad-
7 emy for relief of deficiency, two thousand dollars; West-
8 brook Seminary for repairs and equipment, six thousand
9 dollars; Nasson Institute for maintenance, four thousand
10 dollars.

Sect. 12. The governor and council may draw warrants
2 on the treasurer of state for the annual payments to the
3 legal representatives of such academies as meet the provi-
4 sions of this act, such payments and awards at the times
5 and in the manner provided by law for the payment of
6 money in aiding public schools, of the amounts to which
7 they are severally entitled. Provided that no payment or
8 award shall be made to any academy until the commissioner
9 of education shall have certified to the governor and coun-

10 cil all of the facts which by law are made necessary to
11 entitle an academy to receive state aid.