

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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**Senate Document**

**No. 219**

S. P. 530

In Senate, February 21, 1929.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Carter of Androscoggin.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to Amend Sections Ninety-Eight, Ninety-Nine, One  
Hundred, One Hundred One, One Hundred Two, One  
Hundred Three and One Hundred Four of the Revised  
Statutes Relating to State Aid for Academies.

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

Section 1. Sections ninety-eight, ninety-nine, one hun-  
2 dred, one hundred one, one hundred two, one hundred three  
3 and one hundred four are hereby amended by striking out  
4 all of said sections and inserting in place thereof the fol-  
5 lowing:

Sect. 2. In order to place the academies of the state on  
2 on educational basis and to provide a more economic foun-

3 dation, every such institution which meets the provisions of  
4 this act shall receive a basic sum of five hundred dollars  
5 for maintenance and up-keep and, in addition thereto, shall  
6 receive aid as follows: Academies with an enrollment of  
7 from twenty to forty pupils, twenty dollars per capita;  
8 forty-one to sixty pupils, eighteen dollars per capita; sixty-  
9 one to eighty pupils, sixteen dollars per capita; eighty-one  
10 to one hundred pupils, fourteen dollars per capita; one hun-  
11 dred one to one hundred fifty pupils, twelve dollars per cap-  
12 ita; over one hundred fifty pupils, ten dollars per capita.

Sect. 3. Wherever in this act the word "academy" oc-  
2 curs, it shall be construed to mean seminary, institute or  
3 junior college, as these terms are commonly accepted in this  
4 state, and shall be in academic instruction beyond the ele-  
5 mentary school but shall not represent a full college course  
6 and shall be operated under private charter.

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

Sect. 5. Every educational institution receiving state aid  
2 and the officers of every academy sharing in the benefits as  
3 provided herein and every school and academy approved  
4 for tuition purposes shall annually on or before the first

5 day of August of each year report to the commissioner of  
6 education on forms provided by him the number of stu-  
7 dents, both resident of the state and otherwise, their attend-  
8 ance and an account of all moneys received and expended  
9 during the preceding year, the number and names of in-  
10 structors and such other items as may be required from time  
11 to time. Every such institution failing to comply with the  
12 requirements herein shall forfeit whatever state aid or as-  
13 sistance it would otherwise receive.

Sect. 6. Students registering in such institutions as con-  
2 templated by this act shall present a certificate from the  
3 superintendent of schools of the town of which said student  
4 is a resident stating that the work as required in the ele-  
5 mentary schools of the town is completed in satisfactory  
6 manner and said student is entitled to the benefits and priv-  
7 ileges under the free attendance law.

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) Any institution which receives special  
4 appropriation from the legislature for any year shall become  
5 thereby ineligible to share in the benefits of this act. (c)  
6 No academy shall receive more than one-half of its required  
7 funds from the state.

Sect. 8. There shall also be an adjustment or emergency  
2 fund of twenty thousand dollars from which awards may  
3 be made by the commissioner of education, after due inves-  
4 tigation, with the approval of the governor and council, to

5 institutions whose funds are insufficient to meet their neces-  
6 sities as shown by their resources and their requirements;  
7 provided that no institution shall receive the basic or per  
8 capita sum if its annual income from invested funds ex-  
9 ceeds two thousand dollars, but may receive aid from the  
10 adjustment fund based upon the needs of the institution  
11 for maintenance and up-keep, but no institution shall re-  
12 ceive more than six thousand dollars.

Sect. 9. The legislature shall make such appropriation  
2 from the general funds of the state as may be necessary to  
3 cover the provisions of this act and the governor and coun-  
4 cil may draw warrants on the state treasury for the annual  
5 payments to the legal representatives of such academies as  
6 meet the provisions of this act, provided, also, that no pay-  
7 ment or award shall be made to any institution until the  
8 commissioner of education shall have certified to the gover-  
9 nor and council all of the facts which by law are made  
10 necessary to entitle an academy to receive state aid.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS

This bill provides a method of placing the academies of the state on an educational basis and awards state funds on the service they render.

The difference between the method used at present and the method which would prevail in case of the passage of this act is an automatic distribution based upon the educational earnings of an institution from the standpoint of service as against the special resolves. It combines the old law with the proposed new method. The bill provides a reserve fund of \$20,000 to be used as an emergency fund where institutions are unable to provide a standard grade of instruction on the funds available.

The amount required by the provisions of this bill should not exceed \$90,000.