

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 567

In Senate, Feb. 26, 1929.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Pinkham of Aroostook.

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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 Section Ninety-eight of Chapter Sixteen  
of the Revised Statutes of the State of Maine on State Aid  
to Academies.

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

That section ninety-eight of chapter sixteen of the revised  
2 statutes of the state of Maine shall be amended by adding  
3 at the close of the section the following:

'II. For the purpose of placing the academies and insti-  
2 tutions of the state which provide instruction beyond the  
3 secondary schools but less than four years of college, on  
4 an educational basis with definite financial aid, the com-  
5 missioner of education, with the approval of the governor

6 and council, shall be and hereby is authorized to issue to  
7 such academies as come within the provision set up by the  
8 statutes and in addition to the provisions above stated and  
9 in the same manner funds as follows: Academies with an  
10 enrollment of from twenty to forty pupils, twenty dollars  
11 per capita; forty-one to sixty pupils, eighteen dollars per  
12 capita; sixty-one to eighty pupils, sixteen dollars per cap-  
13 ita; eighty-one to one hundred pupils, fourteen dollars per  
14 capita; one hundred one to one hundred fifty pupils, twelve  
15 dollars per capita; over one hundred fifty pupils, ten dol-  
16 lars per capita. In addition to the sums required for dis-  
17 tribution on the above provision, the commissioner of edu-  
18 cation shall issue such amounts and to such institutions as  
19 may be directed by the legislature, but in no case shall the  
20 amounts distributed to the academies of the state, auto-  
21 matically or by resolve, exceed the amount provided herein,  
22 and there shall be and hereby is appropriated annually from  
23 the general fund for this purpose the sum of one hundred  
24 thousand dollars. It shall be the duty of the commissioner  
25 of education to furnish to the education committee of the  
26 legislature biennially and at such times as they may require  
27 a statement of the sums necessary for distribution under  
28 the provisions of this act so that the legislature may know  
29 the amount available as an adjustment fund within the sum  
30 provided. Provided, the restrictions of sections one hun-  
31 dred and two and one hundred and three of this act shall  
32 not apply to the distribution of the per capita allowances

33 or the adjustment fund; provided further, no academy which  
34 has not been recognized for state aid prior to nineteen hun-  
35 dred twenty-nine shall be eligible to share in the per capita  
36 allowance.'

Said section as amended shall read as follows:

'I. Whenever it shall be made to appear to the governor  
2 and council, from returns made as herein provided, that any  
3 incorporated academy in the state is prepared to give in-  
4 struction equivalent to that required by law to be given in  
5 free high schools, that the pupils attending the said acad-  
6 emy are qualified to receive such instruction, and that the  
7 teachers in the said academy have the qualifications fitting  
8 them to give instruction in secondary school studies, such  
9 academy shall be entitled to receive annually from the state  
10 a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, in case it main-  
11 tains an English secondary school course of study as pre-  
12 scribed by the state superintendent of public schools, or a  
13 sum not exceeding seven hundred and fifty dollars in case  
14 it maintains in addition to an English course a college pre-  
15 paratory course, or a sum not exceeding one thousand dol-  
16 lars in case it maintains an English course, a college pre-  
17 paratory course and a training course for teachers; pro-  
18 vided, that the courses of study herein named shall be sub-  
19 ject to the approval of the state superintendent of public  
20 schools, and provided, that the amount paid by the state  
21 to any academy under this section shall be expended by the  
22 said academy for instruction during the year for which

23 payment is made, and shall not exceed the total income of  
24 the said academy from all other sources; and provided, fur-  
25 ther, that in addition to the amount received from the state,  
26 a sum equal thereto shall be expended for instruction and  
27 maintenance of the academy during said year; and pro-  
28 vided, further, that every academy receiving money from  
29 the state under this section shall provide instruction as con-  
30 templated by this section for not less than thirty weeks in  
31 each year; and provided, further, that no academy shall be  
32 credited with maintaining a course of study under this sec-  
33 tion unless the said academy shall have an average of not  
34 less than twelve students in said course.

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## STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. This bill provides the means of aiding academies according to the service they render to their community and to the state. It does not increase materially the total amount of state aid distributed.

2. There is no change in the present state aid of \$500, \$750 and \$1,000. Additional sums are awarded on per capita enrollment and by special adjustment allowances.

3. An adjustment fund consisting of the difference between the funds distributed on basic and on per capita provisions and the \$100,000 herein appropriated is provided to be distributed by the legislature.

4. It is estimated that this adjustment fund will be \$28,000 annually for the next two years. The legislature is not restricted in awarding amounts from the adjustment fund.