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In Senate, March 29, 1929.

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ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

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

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 capita;
13 eighty-one to one hundred pupils, fourteen dollars per cap-
14 ita; one hundred one to one hundred fifty pupils, twelve
15 dollars per capita; one hundred fifty-one to two hundred
16 pupils, ten dollars per capita; over two hundred pupils, eight
17 dollars per capita. Provided when a slight increase in at-
18 tendance would cause an institution to receive a reduced
19 amount the commissioner of education shall have authority
20 to make an adjustment. In addition to the sums required
21 for distribution on the above provision, the commissioner
22 of education shall issue such amounts and to such institu-
23 tions as may be directed by the legislature, but in no case
24 shall the amounts distributed to the academies of the state,
25 automatically or by resolve, exceed the amount provided
26 herein, and there shall be and hereby is appropriated an-
27 nually from the general fund for this purpose the sum of
28 one hundred and five thousand dollars, thirty thousand of
29 which is to be deducted from the state school fund and
30 seventy-five thousand from the general fund. It shall be
31 the duty of the commissioner of education to furnish to
32 the education committee of the legislature biennially and

33 at such times as they may require a statement of the sums
34 necessary for distribution under the provisions of this act
35 so that the legislature may know the amount available as
36 an adjustment fund within the sum provided. Provided,
37 the restrictions of sections one hundred, one hundred one,
38 one hundred two and one hundred three of this act shall
39 not apply to the distribution of the per capita allowances
40 or the adjustment fund; provided further, no academy
41 which was not recognized for state aid in nineteen hundred
42 and twenty-eight shall be eligible to share in the per capita
43 allowance. Institutions having incomes of over twenty-five
44 hundred dollars shall not receive per capita allowance but
45 may share in the adjustment fund.'

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
3 any incorporated academy in the state is prepared to give
4 instruction equivalent to that required by law to be given
5 in 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
22 the 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 provided,
28 further, that every academy receiving money from the state
29 under this section shall provide instruction as contemplated
30 by this section for not less than thirty weeks in each year;
31 and provided, further, that no academy shall be credited
32 with maintaining a course of study under this section unless
33 the said academy shall have an average of not less than
34 twelve students in said course. For the purpose of placing
35 the academies and institutions of the state which provide
36 instruction beyond the secondary schools but less than four
37 years of college, on an educational basis with definite finan-
38 cial aid, the commissioner of education, with the approval
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