

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT Relating to State Aid for Academies.

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

Section one hundred five, paragraph two of chapter nineteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by eliminating from line twelve and thirteen the words "over two hundred pupils, eight dollars per capita," and inserting in the thirtieth line of said section after the word "allowance", the following words, 'providing further no academy having an average attendance of over two hundred pupils shall be eligible to share in the per capita allowance'; so that said section when amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 105. 1. Whenever it shall be made to appear to the governor and council, from returns made as herein provided, that any incorporated academy in the state is prepared to give instruction equivalent to that required by law to be given in free high schools, that the pupils attending the said academy are qualified to receive such instruction, and that the teachers in the said academy have the qualifications fitting them to give instruction in secondary school studies, such academy shall be entitled to receive annually from the state a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars in case it maintains an English secondary school course of study as prescribed by the state commissioner of education, or a sum not exceeding seven hundred and fifty dollars in case it maintains in addition to an English course, a college pre-

paratory course or a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars in case it maintains an English course, a college preparatory course, and a training course for teachers; provided, that the courses of study herein named shall be subject to the approval of the said commissioner, and provided, that the amount paid by the state to any academy under this subdivision shall be expended by the said academy for instruction during the year for which payment is made, and shall not exceed the total income of the said academy from all other sources; and provided, further, that in addition to the amount received from the state, a sum equal thereto shall be expended for instruction and maintenance of the academy during said year; and provided, further, that every academy receiving money from the state under this subdivision shall provide instruction as contemplated by this subdivision for not less than thirty weeks in each year; and provided, further, that no academy shall be credited with maintaining a course of study under this subdivision unless the said academy shall have an average of not less than twelve students in said course.

11. For the purpose of placing the academies and institutions of the state which provide instruction beyond the secondary schools but less than four years of college, on an educational basis with definite financial aid, the commissioner of education, with the approval of the governor and council, is authorized to issue to such academies as come within the provision set up by the statutes, and in addition to the provisions above stated, and in the same manner, funds as follows: academies with an enrollment of from twenty to forty pupils, twenty dollars per capita; forty-one to sixty pupils, eighteen dollars per capita; sixty-one to eighty pupils, sixteen dollars per capita; eighty-one to one hundred pupils, fourteen dollars per capita; one hundred and one to one hundred and fifty pupils, twelve dollars per capita; one hundred and fifty-one to two hundred pupils, ten dollars per capita; provided, when a slight increase in attendance would cause an institution to receive a reduced amount, the commissioner of education shall have authority to make an adjustment. In addition to the sums required for distribution on the above provision, the commissioner of education shall issue such amounts and to such institutions as may be di-

rected by the legislature, but in no case shall the amounts distributed to the academies of the state, automatically or by resolve, exceed the amount provided herein, and there shall be appropriated annually one hundred five thousand dollars to be deducted from the state school fund. It shall be the duty of the commissioner of education to furnish to the education committee of the legislature biennially, and at such times as it may require, a statement of the sums necessary for distribution under the provisions of this subdivision so that the legislature may know the amount available as an adjustment fund within the sum provided. Provided, the restrictions of sections one hundred seven, one hundred eight, one hundred nine, and one hundred ten shall not apply to the distribution of the per capita allowances or the adjustment fund; provided, further, no academy which was not recognized for state aid in nineteen hundred and twenty-eight shall be eligible to share in the per capita allowance; providing, further, no academy having an average attendance of over two hundred pupils shall be eligible to share in the per capita allowance.

Institutions having incomes of over twenty-five hundred dollars from invested funds shall not receive per capita allowance but may share in the adjustment fund.