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In Senate, Mar. 2, 1933.

Reported by Senator Jackson of Cumberland from Committee on Education and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator McDonald of Washington.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE

AN ACT Relative to State Aid to Academies.

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

R. S., c. 19, § 105, par. 1, amended. Section 105, par. 1, of c. 19 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘Sec. 105. State aid to academies. I. 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 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 \$500 in case it maintains an English secondary school course of study as prescribed by the state commissioner of education, or a sum not exceeding \$750 in case it maintains in addition to an English course, a college preparatory course; 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 30 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 12 students in said course.

II. For the purpose of placing the academies and institutions of the state which provide instruction beyond the secondary schools but less than 4 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 enrolment of from 20 to 40 pupils, \$20 per capita; 41 to 60 pupils, \$18 per capita; 61 to 80 pupils, \$16 per capita; 81 to 100 pupils, \$14 per capita; 101 to 150 pupils, \$12 per capita; 151 to 200 pupils, \$10 per capita; over 200 pupils, \$8 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 directed 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 \$105,000 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 107, 108, 109, and 110 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 1928 shall be eligible to share in the per capita allowance. Institutions having incomes of over \$2500 from invested funds shall not receive per capita allowance but may share in the adjustment fund.'