

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 246

S. P. 171

In Senate, February 3, 1937.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Cook of Somerset.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to State Aid for Academies.

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

Sec. 1. R. S. c. 19, § 105, ¶ II, as amended, further amended. Paragraph II of section 105 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapters 92 and 211 of the public laws of 1931, and by chapter 168 of the public laws of 1933, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'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, \$5 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 re-

quired 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~~ **\$85,000** 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 allowance or the adjustment fund; provided, further, that only those academies that received state aid under the provisions of chapter 247 of the resolves of 1927 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.'

Sec. 2. Limitation. This act shall remain in force and effect for a period of 2 years only.