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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Cousins of Old Town.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-THREE

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**AN ACT Relating to the Method of Computation of the Expense of the  
Education of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Indian Children.**

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

**P. L., 1933, c. 1, § 265, amended.** The last 3 sentences of section 265 of chapter 1 of the public laws of 1933, as amended, are hereby further amended to read as follows:

Whenever it shall be shown that any of the children of the Penobscot **or of the Passamaquoddy** tribes of Indians ~~living on the reservation~~ shall have completed the course of study for elementary schools as prescribed or shall have passed the examination prepared by the commissioner of education for entrance into high school, such children shall be granted entrance to any high school in this state, to which said children may apply under the same conditions as pupils residing in towns that do not maintain a free high school, as provided in section 93 of chapter 19, except that such tuition for such pupils shall be paid by the department of health and welfare, from Indian funds. Said tuition shall be based on the average ~~instructional~~ cost per pupil for the year preceding that for which the tuition is paid; **provided, however, that the average cost per pupil shall be determined by dividing the sum of expenditures for instruction, fuel and janitor service, textbooks**

and supplies, and ordinary minor repairs, by the average daily attendance of all regularly enrolled students.

Tuition likewise for the children of ~~Indian Island~~ the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians who attend the elementary schools of ~~Old Town~~ any town or city in this state shall be paid to said city or town by the department of health and welfare in similar manner and based on the average ~~instructional~~ cost per pupil in the year preceding that for which tuition is paid; **provided, however, that the average cost per pupil shall be determined by dividing the sum of expenditures for instruction, fuel and janitor service, textbooks and supplies, and ordinary minor repairs, by the average daily attendance of all regularly enrolled students.'**