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House of Representatives, September 19, 1944.

Referred to Committee on Education and sent up for concurrence. 500 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Marsans of Monmouth.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-FOUR

**AN ACT Relating to the Payment of Tuition for Pupils Attending
Approved Secondary Schools.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, it has been the practice in the past for the commissioner of education to include approved private secondary academies and institutes, when paying legal tuition due, as provided in section 206 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes of 1930; and

Whereas, it has been ruled that proper provision is not made in the section referred to above to include academies and institutes when the tuition payments are made to cities, towns and plantations; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature, the foregoing facts create an emergency within the meaning of section 16 of Article XXXI of the constitution and require the immediate passage of the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. Definition of approved secondary schools. For the purposes of administering the duties specified in section 206 of chapter 19 of the re-

vised statutes of 1930, the commissioner of education shall interpret "approved secondary schools" to mean free high schools in cities, towns and plantations, and also academies. The word "academy" shall be construed to include "seminary" or "institute".

Sec. 2. Payment of tuition. When any city, town or plantation does not maintain a free high school and is liable for unpaid legal tuition for its resident students who have attended an approved secondary school in another city, town or plantation, the commissioner of education shall make the proper payments of tuition to the treasurers of the cities, towns, plantations, academies, institutes, or seminaries, when the regular annual apportionment is made.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.