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H. P. 724

House of Representatives, February 6, 1945.

Referred to Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Hamilton of Hartland.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT Relating to Reimbursement to Towns for Tuition.**

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

**R. S., c. 37, § 99, amended.** Section 99 of chapter 37 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**‘Sec. 99. Reimbursement to towns for tuition for pupils attending secondary school.** When any town shall have been required to pay and has paid tuition for pupils attending secondary schools, as provided by section 98, the superintendent of schools of such town shall make a return under oath to the commissioner before the 1st day of September, annually, for the preceding school year, stating the name of each pupil for whom tuition has been paid, the amount paid by the town for each, and the name and location of the school which each has attended. Upon the approval of said return, the commissioner shall apportion to such town a sum equal to  $\frac{2}{3}$  the amount thus paid by such town. Provided further, that tuition for such pupils may be paid by towns to an amount not exceeding the average cost per pupil for the year preceding that for which the tuition is paid in the school attended by such pupil, except that no payment in excess of said average cost shall be made except by a vote of the town, but such payment by any town shall not exceed \$125 for any pupil for any 1 year, subject to the provisions of section 98, and reimbursement to any

town for any 1 year shall not exceed ~~\$700~~ \$875. Provided further, that the average cost per pupil shall be determined by dividing the sum of expenditures for instruction, fuel, and janitor service, text-books and supplies, and ordinary minor repairs by the average daily attendance of all regularly enrolled students. Provided further, that any town not maintaining a high school may pay tuition for any student who with parents or guardian resides in said town and who attends an approved school of secondary grade in a town adjacent to the state of Maine in another state, when distance and transportation facilities make attendance in a Maine high school or academy inexpedient.

Provided, however, that when pupils are sent from one city, town, or plantation to **an approved secondary school in another, if** any accounts for tuition of such pupils ~~shall become due and payable on the 30th day of June, at the end of that school year; if such accounts~~ are not paid on or before the 1st day of September of that year, the commissioner shall pay such accounts, or so much thereof as he shall find to be rightly due, to **the treasurer of the receiving city, town, or plantation, academy, institute or seminary** at the next regular annual apportionment, together with interest on such accounts at the rate of 6% annually, computed from said 1st day of September, and the commissioner shall charge any such payment against the apportioned fund of the sending city, town, or plantation.'