

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NINETY - SECOND LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 239

In Senate, February 8, 1945.

Referred to the Committee on Education, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Owen of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-FIVE

**AN ACT to Extend Opportunities for Secondary Education to Island
Children.**

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 37, § 98, amended. Section 98 of chapter 37 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph:

‘It is further provided that in the case of any youth qualified for attendance at secondary school in accordance with the preceding paragraph, who resides with his parents, legal guardian, or person acting in loco parentis, on a Maine coast island without highway connection with the mainland in any town not maintaining a standard grade high school, so located that in the judgment of the commissioner of education attendance at secondary school necessitates boarding away from home and the arrangement is approved by him in advance upon a form provided for the purpose, the town wherein said pupil resides shall pay an amount for this purpose toward his board not to exceed \$180 for the school year or a prorated amount for any fraction thereof. Payment for said board shall be made, upon receipt of a satisfactory attendance record, at the end of periods not longer than 1 school month and shall be charged to the same account as that of secondary school tuition.’

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 37, § 99, amended. Section 99 of chapter 37 of the re-

vised statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph :

'When any town shall have been required to pay and has paid board for a youth or youths attending secondary school in accordance with the provisions of section 98 the superintendent of schools of such town shall make a return under oath to the commissioner of education on a form provided for the purpose before the 1st day of September, annually, for the preceding school year, stating the name and exact residence of each youth for whom board 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 of education shall apportion to such town a sum equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ the amount thus paid by such town but not to exceed \$700 annually for this purpose.'