

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

N I N E T Y - S E V E N T H L E G I S L A T U R E

Legislative Document

No. 722

H. P. 645

House of Representatives, February 15, 1955

Referred to the Committee on Education, sent up for concurrence and 750 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Fuller of South Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to General-Purpose Educational Aid.

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

R. S., c. 41, § 237, amended. The 1st 4 paragraphs of section 237 of chapter 41 of the revised statutes are hereby amended to read as follows:

‘On the basis of information available in the office of the Commissioner on September 1st for the 2 years next preceding the biennial convening of the Legislature, as provided in returns of educational statistics required by him, the Commissioner shall apportion subsidies to the cities, towns, plantations and community school districts of the State according to the following plan:

The several cities, towns and plantations shall be divided into ~~9~~ 24 classifications according to their valuations per resident school child being educated at public expense. The valuation shall be as determined by the Board of Equalization in the statement filed by it, as provided in section 67 of chapter 16 and effective on September 1st, **except that the distribution for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1955 shall be based on the Board of Equalization’s statement filed on December 1, 1952, and in accordance with the provisions of this section as they existed on January 1, 1955 and the distribution for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1956 shall be based on the Board of Equalization’s statement filed on December 1, 1954,** and the number of children shall be the average of the last 2 enrollment reports of pupils being educated at public expense on April 1st annually.

~~For~~ **Except as above provided for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 1955, and July 1, 1956, for each classification the subsidy allocation shall be the same for each of the 2 years of the biennium and shall be a percentage of the average educational costs of the municipality for the preceding 2 years, excluding costs**

of capital outlay, rent, debt service, repairs and certain equipment, and deducting incidental receipts. The cost of vocational education shall be the average of local appropriations for the 2-year period designated in the 1st paragraph of this section.

The range of classifications and percentage allocations for the payments of subsidy for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1956 and thereafter shall be as follows:

Class	State valuation per resident pupil	Percentage of State support of educational operating expenditures
1	Not over \$1,500	65%
2	\$1,501 - \$2,250	55%
3	\$2,251 - \$3,000	45%
4	\$3,001 - \$3,750	35%
5	\$3,751 - \$4,500	30% of first \$20,000 25% of the balance
6	\$4,501 - \$5,500	25% of first \$20,000 20% of the balance
7	\$5,501 - \$6,500	25% of first \$20,000 18% of the balance
8	\$6,501 - \$7,500	25% of first \$20,000 16% of the balance
9	\$7,501 and over	25% of first \$20,000 14% of the balance
1	\$3,000 and under	65%
2	\$3,001 - \$3,375	62½%
3	\$3,376 - \$3,750	60%
4	\$3,751 - \$4,125	57½%
5	\$4,126 - \$4,500	55%
6	\$4,501 - \$4,875	52½%
7	\$4,876 - \$5,250	50%
8	\$5,251 - \$5,625	47½%
9	\$5,626 - \$6,000	45%
10	\$6,001 - \$6,375	42½%
11	\$6,376 - \$6,750	40%
12	\$6,751 - \$7,125	37½%
13	\$7,126 - \$7,500	35%
14	\$7,501 - \$7,875	32½%
15	\$7,876 - \$8,250	30%
16	\$8,251 - \$8,625	28%
17	\$8,626 - \$9,000	26%
18	\$9,001 - \$10,000	24%
19	\$10,001 - \$11,000	22%
20	\$11,001 - \$12,000	20%
21	\$12,001 - \$13,000	18%
22	\$13,001 - \$14,000	17%
23	\$14,001 - \$15,000	16%
24	\$15,001 and over	15%