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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1909

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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

As Passed by the Seventy-fourth  
Legislature

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**Chapter 28.**

An Act to amend Section sixty-five of Chapter fifteen of the Revised Statutes, relating to Free High Schools.

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

Section 65,  
chapter 15,  
R. S.,  
amended.

Section sixty-five of chapter fifteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "council" in line fifteen the word 'and' so that said section when amended shall read as follows:

Superintend-  
ent of  
schools  
shall make  
annual re-  
turns to  
state super-  
intendent.

'Section 65. Superintendents shall, annually, before the first day of July, make returns under oath to the state superintendent on blanks prepared and sent out by him, of the amount appropriated and the amount expended by each town or precinct for instruction in such free high schools during the current year; also of the amount appropriated and the amount expended for common school purposes by each town maintaining the same; the number of weeks during which such schools have been taught; the wages paid each teacher; the number of pupils registered; the average attendance; the number of pupils in each branch of study pursued, and the amount received for tuition. If the State superintendent is satisfied that the provisions of sections fifty-five to sixty-two have been complied with, he shall certify to the governor and council the sum which each town or precinct is entitled to receive from the state. Any town or precinct, dissatisfied with his decision, may appeal to the governor and council and the governor and council shall issue a certificate to the treasurer of the town or agent of the precinct, for such amount as they adjudge such town or precinct entitled to receive from the state treasury. Any person connected with the management of such free high schools, either as teacher, agent or superintendent, who in any way aids or abets in defrauding the state into the payment in support of said schools of more than is contemplated by this chapter, shall forfeit not less than five hundred dollars, or be imprisoned in the county jail not less than one year.'

—state su-  
perintendent  
to certify  
amounts to  
which towns  
are entitled.

—appeal to  
governor and  
council.

—penalty  
for de-  
frauding  
state.

Approved February 26, 1909.