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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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STATE OF MAINE

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—fifty-eight hours a week.

—males over sixteen years may contract to work more hours.

—females over eighteen may make special contracts.

When act shall take effect.

is made for the sole purpose of making a shorter day's work for one day of the week; and in no case shall the hours of labor exceed fifty-eight in a week; and no male person sixteen years of age and over shall be so employed as above, more than ten hours a day during minority, unless he voluntarily contracts to do so with the consent of his parents, or one of them, if any, or guardian, and in such case he shall receive extra compensation for his services; provided, however, that any female of eighteen years of age or over, may lawfully contract for such labor for any number of hours in excess of ten hours a day, not exceeding six hours in any one week, or sixty hours in any one year, receiving additional compensation therefor; but during her minority, the consent of her parents, or one of them, or guardian, shall be first obtained.'

This act shall take effect January first, nineteen hundred and ten.

Approved March 13, 1909.

**Chapter 71.**

An Act for the improvement of Free High Schools.

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

Classification of high schools.

Section 1. No school shall be regarded as a high school within the meaning of any of the provisions of chapter fifteen of the revised statutes unless such school shall be included in the following classes:

Class A.

Class A. This class shall include such schools as maintain at least one approved course of study through four years of thirty-six weeks each and of standard grade, together with approved laboratory equipment, and shall employ at least two teachers; provided the town, precinct or union maintaining such school shall appropriate and expend for instruction therein at least eight hundred and fifty dollars annually exclusive of all tuition received.

Class B.

Class B. This class shall include such schools as maintain one approved course of study through at least two years of thirty-six weeks and of standard grade, together with approved equipment, provided the town, precinct or union maintaining such school shall appropriate and expend for instruction therein at least five hundred dollars annually exclusive of all tuitions received.

Class C.

Class C. This class shall include such schools as maintain at least one approved course of study through four years of

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—proviso.

thirty weeks each; provided the town, precinct or union maintaining such school shall appropriate and expend for instruction therein at least four hundred and fifty dollars annually exclusive of all tuitions received.

Section 2. A town, precinct or union maintaining a high school, as defined in section one of this act, shall be reimbursed by the state for two thirds of the amount paid for instruction in such school; but in no case shall more than five hundred dollars be paid by the state to a town, precinct or union in any one year.

Reimburse-  
ment of  
towns.

Section 3. A town, precinct or union maintaining a high school, as provided in class A of section one of this act, shall not be obliged to pay tuition under section sixty-three and sixty-four of chapter fifteen. A town, precinct or union maintaining a high school, as provided in Class B of section one shall not be obliged to pay tuition for any pupil until he has completed the first two years of the course of the class B school, and for only two years of subsequent work. A town, precinct or union maintaining a high school, as provided in Class C of section one, shall be obliged to pay tuition for such portion of a four years course as may be determined by the state superintendent of public schools.

Town not  
obliged to  
pay tuition  
under sec-  
tions 63 and  
64, chapter  
15., R. S.

Section 4. All schools of secondary grade receiving state aid shall be inspected annually under the direction of the state superintendent of public schools, and for this purpose he shall be authorized to expend not to exceed two thousand dollars annually, which sum shall be paid from the state appropriation for the support of high schools; and he shall determine what schools are included in the classification of section one of this act, what schools maintain the courses of study, what schools are entitled to state aid and what schools maintain approved courses for the reception of tuition scholars.

Schools  
shall be in-  
spected  
annually.

Section 5. After this act takes effect all other state aid for high schools as provided by law shall cease.

When other  
state aid  
shall cease.

Approved March 15, 1909.

**Chapter 72.**

An Act to amend Chapter one hundred and fifty-three of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred and seven, relating to Transportation of Public Officials.

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

Section 1. Section one of chapter one hundred fifty-three of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seven is hereby

Section 1,  
chapter 153,  
public laws,