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lars, or imprisonment for not more than thirty days, or by both fine and imprisonment.

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Chapter 318.

An Act to Amend Section Ninety-eight of Chapter Sixteen of the Revised Statutes of the State of Maine on State Aid to Academies.

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

R. S., c. 16, sec. 98; relating to state aid to academies, amended. Section ninety-eight of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes of the state of Maine is hereby amended by adding at the close of the section the following: 'II. For the purpose of placing the academies and institutions of the state which provide instruction beyond the secondary schools but less than four years of college, on an educational basis with definite financial aid, the commissioner of education, with the approval of the governor and council, shall be, and hereby is, authorized to issue to such academies as come within the provision set up by the statutes and in addition to the provisions above stated and in the same manner funds as follows: Academies with an enrollment of from twenty to forty pupils, twenty dollars per capita; forty-one to sixty pupils, eighteen dollars per capita; sixty-one to eighty pupils, sixteen dollars per capita; eighty-one to one hundred pupils, fourteen dollars per capita; one hundred and one to one hundred and fifty pupils, twelve dollars per capita; one hundred and fifty-one to two hundred pupils, ten dollars per capita; over two hundred pupils, eight dollars per capita. Provided when a slight increase in attendance would cause an institution to receive a reduced amount, the commissioner of education shall have authority to make an adjustment. In addition to the sums required for distribution on the above provision, the commissioner of education shall issue such amounts and to such institutions as may be directed by the legislature, but in no case shall the amounts distributed to the academies of the state, automatically or by resolve, exceed the amount provided herein, and there shall be, and hereby is, appropriated annually one hundred five thousand dollars to be deducted from the state school fund. It shall be the duty of the commissioner of education to furnish to the education committee of the legislature biennially and at such times as they may require a statement of the sums necessary for distribution under the provisions of this act so that the legislature may know the amount available as an adjustment fund within the sum provided. Provided, the restrictions of sections one hundred, one hundred and one, one hundred and two and one hundred and three of this act shall not apply to the distribution of the per capita allowances or the adjustment fund; provided further, no academy which was not recognized for state aid in nineteen hundred and

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twenty-eight shall be eligible to share in the per capita allowance. Institutions having incomes of over twenty-five hundred dollars from invested funds shall not receive per capita allowance but may share in the adjustment fund,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 98. I. State aid to academies giving specified instruction. Whenever it shall be made to appear to the governor and council, from returns made as herein provided, that any incorporated academy in the state is prepared to give instruction equivalent to that required by law to be given in free high schools, that the pupils attending the said academy are qualified to receive such instruction, and that the teachers in the said academy have the qualifications fitting them to give instruction in secondary school studies, such academy shall be entitled to receive annually from the state a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, in case it maintains an English secondary school course of study as prescribed by the state superintendent of public schools, or a sum not exceeding seven hundred and fifty dollars in case it maintains in addition to an English course, a college preparatory course, or a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars in case it maintains an English course, a college preparatory course and a training course for teachers; provided, that the courses of study herein named shall be subject to the approval of the state superintendent of public schools, and provided, that the amount paid by the state to any academy under this section shall be expended by the said academy for instruction during the year for which payment is made, and shall not exceed the total income of the said academy from all other sources; and provided, further, that in addition to the amount received from the state, a sum equal thereto shall be expended for instruction and maintenance of the academy during said year; and provided, further, that every academy receiving money from the state under this section shall provide instruction as contemplated by this section for not less than thirty weeks in each year; and provided, further, that no academy shall be credited with maintaining a course of study under this section unless the said academy shall have an average of not less than twelve students in said course.

II. Definite financial aid on enrollment basis; appropriation; restriction not to apply to per capita distribution. For the purpose of placing the academies and institutions of the state which provide instruction beyond the secondary schools but less than four years of college, on an educational basis with definite financial aid, the commissioner of education, with the approval of the governor and council, shall be and hereby is authorized to issue to such academies as come within the provision set up by the statutes and in addition to the provisions above stated and in the same manner funds as follows: Academies with an enrollment of from twenty to forty pupils, twenty dollars per capita; forty-one to sixty pupils, eighteen dollars

per capita; sixty-one to eighty pupils, sixteen dollars per capita; eighty-one to one hundred pupils, fourteen dollars per capita; one hundred and one to one hundred and fifty pupils, twelve dollars per capita; one hundred and fifty-one to two hundred pupils, ten dollars per capita; over two hundred pupils, eight dollars per capita. Provided, when a slight increase in attendance would cause an institution to receive a reduced amount, the commissioner of education shall have authority to make an adjustment. In addition to the sums required for distribution on the above provision, the commissioner of education shall issue such amounts and to such institutions as may be directed by the legislature, but in no case shall the amounts distributed to the academies of the state, automatically or by resolve, exceed the amount provided herein, and there shall be and hereby is appropriated annually one hundred five thousand dollars to be deducted from the state school fund. It shall be the duty of the commissioner of education to furnish to the education committee of the legislature biennially and at such times as they may require a statement of the sums necessary for distribution under the provisions of this act so that the legislature may know the amount available as an adjustment fund within the sum provided. Provided, the restrictions of sections one hundred, one hundred and one, one hundred and two and one hundred and three of this act shall not apply to the distribution of the per capita allowances or the adjustment fund; provided, further, no academy which was not recognized for state aid in nineteen hundred and twenty-eight shall be eligible to share in the per capita allowance. Institutions having incomes of over twenty-five hundred dollars from invested funds shall not receive per capita allowance but may share in the adjustment fund.'

Approved April 13, 1929.

Chapter 319.

An Act Relating to Interest Charged by Small Loan Agencies.

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

P. L., 1917, c. 298, sec. 8; relating to amount of loan and rate of interest, amended. Section eight of chapter two hundred and ninety-eight of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen is hereby amended by striking out in the fifth line thereof, after the word "exceed" the words "three and one-half per centum per month," and insert in place thereof the words 'three per centum per month,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 8. Interest rate decreased. Every person, copartnership and corporation licensed hereunder may loan any sum of money, goods or choses