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Sec. 8. R. S., T. 12, § 2601, sub-§ 5, amended. Subsection 5 of section 2601 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'5. **Nonresident license.** There shall be 4 classes of nonresident fishing licenses. A license for the entire season shall cost ~~\$8.75~~ \$9.75. A 15-day license shall cost ~~\$5.75~~ \$6.75 and shall remain in effect for 15 days from the date as designated in the license. The amount paid on a 15-day license shall be credited on an entire season license upon the additional payment of \$3.25 in the same year in which the 15-day license was issued. A junior nonresident license, for persons between the ages of 10 and 16 years, shall cost ~~\$2.25~~ \$4.25 for a season. In all cases, 25¢ shall be retained by the agent from the license fee. Any resident or nonresident of the State may procure a license good for 3 consecutive days as designated ~~in~~ on the license upon the payment of ~~\$3.75~~ \$4.50, 25¢ to be retained by the agent. Any nonresident of the State may procure a license good for 7 consecutive days as designated in the license upon the payment of \$5.25, 25¢ to be retained by the agent. The date of the days must be plainly enumerated on the face of the license. Any resident of the State who procures a 3-day license may exchange the same for an annual resident fishing license in the town in which he resides, upon the payment of 25¢ to the clerk or agent who issues same.'

Sec. 9. **Effective date.** This Act shall become effective January 1, 1966.

Effective January 1, 1966

Chapter 429

AN ACT Relating to Uniform Local Effort for Payment of School Subsidies.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 20, § 3518, amended. Section 3518 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end the following:

'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 construction subsidies to the school administrative units of the State for each of the next 2 years according to the following plan:

The several administrative units, cities, towns, plantations and School Administrative Districts, shall be divided into 21 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 Title 36, section 381, and the number of children shall be the average of the last 2 enrollment reports of resident pupils being educated at public expense on April 1st annually. Such computation shall be subject to correction in accordance with the final statement filed by the Board of Equalization on December 1st.

For each eligible unit the construction subsidy allocation thereafter shall be the applicable percentage of the construction costs as defined in this section obtained from Table II below.

TABLE II

Class	State Valuation per Resident Pupil	Percentage of State Support of Foundation Program
1	\$ 3,000 and under	66%
2	3,001 — 3,500	64
3	3,501 — 4,000	62
4	4,001 — 4,500	60
5	4,501 — 5,000	58
6	5,001 — 5,500	55
7	5,501 — 6,000	52
8	6,001 — 6,500	49
9	6,501 — 7,000	46
10	7,001 — 7,500	44
11	7,501 — 8,000	41
12	8,001 — 8,500	38
13	8,501 — 9,000	36
14	9,001 — 9,500	34
15	9,501 — 10,000	32
16	10,001 — 10,500	30
17	10,501 — 11,000	28
18	11,001 — 11,500	26
19	11,501 — 12,000	24
20	12,001 — 12,500	21
21	12,501 and over	18

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 20, § 3721, amended. The first paragraph of section 3721 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

‘To help equalize educational opportunity and guarantee a minimum program of education for all children throughout the State there is established a foundation program or level of education, expressed in terms of a minimum dollar cost per pupil, in which the State will participate ~~financially on a percentage basis~~ rendering greater financial assistance to the less able administrative units.’

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 20, § 3722, amended. The first sentence of the 2nd paragraph of section 3722 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

‘The average of the 2 preceding years’ adjusted resident average daily membership of the pupils attending school in the unit shall be multiplied by the applicable dollar allowance in Table I below.’

Sec. 4. R. S., T. 20, § 3722, amended. Table I and its footnotes of section 3722 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof.

‘TABLE I

The per pupil allowance used in computing the foundation program shall be \$255. The average daily membership shall be adjusted as follows before multiplying by the fixed per pupil allowance. The average daily membership in grades subprimary through 6 shall be multiplied by 1; the average daily membership in grades 7 and 8 shall be multiplied by 1.2. The adjusted average daily

memberships in grades subprimary through 8 shall be added together before multiplying by the per pupil allowance.

The average daily membership in the elementary schools enrolling fewer than 26 pupils shall be further adjusted as follows:

	Multiply adjusted average daily membership by
If the elementary school enrolls from 1 to 10 pupils	1.50
11 to 15 pupils	1.40
16 to 20 pupils	1.33
21 to 25 pupils	1.27

The average daily membership in grades 9 through 12 shall be multiplied by 1.4 before multiplying by the per pupil allowance.

To obtain resident average daily memberships for grades 7 and 8 for each unit, the board is authorized for the 1966 payments to determine the percentage of pupils in grades 7 and 8 as of April 1, 1964 and apply the same percentage to the elementary resident average daily membership reported July 1, 1963 and July 1, 1964 for each unit.'

Sec. 5. R. S., T. 20, § 3723, amended. The first 8 paragraphs of section 3723, which includes Table II, of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes are 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 school administrative units of the State for each of the next 2 years according to the following plan, except that the allocations to administrative units shall be no less than 5% higher in the year 1966 than in the year 1965.

The several administrative units (cities, towns, plantations and School Administrative Districts) shall be divided into 21 classifications according to their valuations per resident school child being educated at public expense. From each unit's foundation program, as defined in sections 3721 and 3722, shall be subtracted the yield of 20 mills times the unit's state valuation. The result shall be the amount of state aid, on the foundation program, that the unit is entitled to receive, provided that no unit shall receive less than 20% state aid on its foundation program. The valuation used shall be as determined by the Board of Equalization in the statement filed by it, as provided in Title 36, section 381. and the number of children shall be the average of the last 2 enrollment reports of resident pupils being educated at public expense on April 1st annually. Such computation The computation of state aid for each unit shall be subject to correction in accordance with the final statement filed by the Board of Equalization on December 1st.

For each classification, except School Administrative Districts, the The subsidy allocation thereafter shall be the same for each of the 2 years of the biennium and shall be the applicable percentage of the average net foundation program allowance for the preceding 2 years, as defined in section 3722

obtained from Table II below. Subsidy for School Administrative Districts shall be computed in accordance with this section

TABLE II

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Whenever any administrative unit's ~~average net operating cost~~ average elementary or secondary per pupil operating expenditure, not including debt retirement, capital outlay items, transportation or community services in any biennium is less than the ~~amount provided for in the average net foundation program~~, its state subsidy for the next 2 years will be decreased accordingly, that is, the percentage that the net operating cost is of the net foundation program allowance will be applied to that unit's preliminary allotment to determine the final subsidy foundation program allowances as provided in Table I computed by using the adjusted total average daily membership, the average elementary or secondary per pupil operating expenditures shall be used in lieu of the foundation program allowances in determining the total foundation program of the unit.

When a School Administrative District is formed during the biennium, following January 1st of a legislative year, the subsidy for the School Administrative District during that biennium shall be computed as follows:

The subsidy for a newly formed School Administrative District shall be the sum of the amounts that the towns would have received plus a 10% bonus. During the next succeeding biennium a School Administrative District, regardless of the previous ~~net operating costs~~ elementary or secondary per pupil expenditure of the subordinate administrative units, shall receive its subsidy based on the ~~average net~~ foundation program allowance in Table I of the district plus the additional bonus as provided in section 3456.

Any administrative unit in which the average ~~net operating cost~~ elementary or secondary per pupil expenditure in any biennium exceeds the amount of the ~~average net~~ foundation program allowance in Table I shall be entitled to an additional subsidy allocation on that part of its average ~~net operating cost per pupil expenditure~~ which exceeds its ~~net~~ foundation program allowance, computed by multiplying the amount that the average ~~net operating cost elementary or secondary per pupil expenditure~~ exceeds its ~~net~~ foundation program allowance by ~~10%~~ of the percentage to which said administrative unit is entitled to receive in Table H 4%. The result shall be multiplied by the resident elementary or secondary adjusted average daily membership and added to the allotment.'

Sec. 6. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$3,721,555 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1967 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

Department	1966-67
EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF	
General Purpose Subsidies to Cities and Towns	
All Other	\$3,721,555

Sec. 7. Effective date. This Act shall become effective July 1, 1966.

Effective July 1, 1966

Chapter 430

AN ACT Regulating Collection Agencies.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 32, c. 10, additional. Title 32 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter 10 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 10

COLLECTION AGENCIES

§ 571. Definitions

The following words and terms, as used in this chapter, shall be construed as follows:

1. Collection agency. "Collection agency" means and includes any person engaged in the business of collecting for others any account, bill or other indebtedness. It includes persons who furnish collection systems carrying a name which simulates the name of a collection agency and who supply forms or form letters to be used by the creditor even though such forms direct the debtor to make payments directly to the creditor rather than to such fictitious agency.