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the accident occurred in this State, the Secretary of State may suspend the license of that resident and all registration certificates and registration plates. The suspension may continue until that resident furnishes evidence of his compliance with the law of the other state, and until that resident files proof of financial responsibility if required by that law.

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CHAPTER 431

S. P. 242 — L. D. 691

AN ACT to Provide that SAD's May Contract for High School Education for its Students with any Other Approved School.

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

Sec. 1. 20 MRSA § 213-A is enacted to read:

§ 213-A. District program; secondary facility

1. K-12 program. A School Administrative District shall maintain a program which includes kindergarten through grade 12.

2. Secondary facility. A district shall provide a secondary school facility as follows.

A. A district which enrolls more than 700 pupils in grades 9 through 12 may operate more than one 4-year school.

B. A district which enrolls less than 700 pupils in grades 9 through 12 shall provide grades 10 through 12 in one facility within 4 years from the date of the district's formation.

C. Secondary school facilities may be operated as 4-year schools or combined with grades 7 and 8 to form a 6-year school or 2 or more 3-year schools, except for children living in an area remote from a public school, as provided in section 912.

D. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a district may meet the requirement of providing a secondary school facility by contracting with any nearby administrative unit or with a private academy for all or part of its pupils for a term of from 2 years to 10 years.

Sec. 2. 20 MRSA § 214, as last amended by PL 1967, c. 482, § 1, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 20 MRSA § 220, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 625, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 220. Transportation

The superintendent of a School Administrative District, with the approval of the board of directors, shall provide for the transportation of all public school pupils residing in the district as follows.

1. **Elementary pupils.** All elementary pupils shall be transported a part or the whole of the distance to and from the nearest suitable school.

2. **Secondary pupils.** All secondary pupils shall be transported a part or the whole of the distance to and from the secondary school in the district. If a district does not maintain a secondary school, all secondary pupils shall be transported all or part of the distance to and from the secondary school which they are attending in the unit or units with which the district has contracted for secondary school privileges. The district may transport secondary school pupils attending other secondary schools at the discretion of the board of directors.

3. **Duration of transportation services.** Transportation shall be provided for the number of weeks for which the schools are maintained in each year when these public school pupils reside at such a distance from the school as in the judgment of the school directors shall render transportation necessary.

4. **Transportation safety.** In all cases, transportation provided shall conserve the comfort, safety and welfare of the pupils transported and shall be in charge of a responsible driver who shall have the control over the conduct of the pupils while they are being transported.

5. **Contracts.** Contracts for transportation shall be made as follows.

A. Contracts for transportation may be made for a period not to exceed 5 years.

B. These contracts shall be executed by the superintendent of the School Administrative District with the approval of the school directors.

6. **Expenditures.** The expenditures for transportation shall be considered as an expense of transportation operations of the school in the district.

Sec. 4. 20 MRSA § 1289, first sentence, as amended by PL 1967, c. 452, § 19, is further amended to read:

Any administrative unit, **except a school administrative district**, which does not maintain an approved secondary school may authorize its school committee to contract for one to 5 years with and pay the school committee or school directors of any nearby administrative unit, or the trustees of any academy located within

such the town or in any nearby town or towns, for the schooling of all or part of the pupils within said the administrative unit in the studies contemplated by section 1281.

Sec. 5. 20 MRSA § 1291, first sentence, as amended by PL 1971, c. 223, § 14, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Any youth whose parent or legal guardian maintains a home for his family in any administrative unit which does not support or maintain an approved secondary school or does not contract to provide secondary school privileges for all of its pupils may attend any approved secondary school to which he may gain admission.

Sec. 6. 20 MRSA § 3456, as repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 556, § 14, is repealed.

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CHAPTER 432

H. P. 252 — L. D. 297

AN ACT to Permit Performing Arts Centers to Serve Alcoholic Beverages.

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

Sec. 1. 28 MRSA § 2, sub-§ 11-A is enacted to read:

11-A. Performing arts center. "Performing arts center" shall mean any charitable or nonprofit corporation incorporated as a corporation without capital stock under Title 13, chapter 81, which:

A. Has as its primary purpose the encouragement, promotion and presentation of the arts for the benefit of the general public;

B. Has been in existence one year prior to first applying for a license under section 252; and

C. Has presented, in the 12 months prior to first applying for a license, a minimum of 24 public performances of theater, music, dance or other performing arts.

Sec. 2. 28 MRSA § 701-A, sub-§ 1, ¶ I-1 is enacted to read:

I-1. Performing arts centers.