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Presented by Mr. Bradeen of Waterboro.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE

RESOLVE, Appropriating Moneys to Match Federal Funds Provided Under Title X of the National Defense Education Act.

National Defense Education Act; Appropriation for. Resolved: That there is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund of the State the sum of \$17,707 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1962 and \$18,929 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1963 for the purpose of matching federal funds made available for research and the improvement of statistical data for education under the provisons of Title X of the National Defense Education Act in accordance with the following schedule:

Year	Title	Purpose	P.S.	Other	Capital
61-62	Х	Improvement of Educ. Statistics	\$11,248	\$ 5,075	\$1,383
62-63	Х	Improvement of Educ. Statistics	11,768	7,075	85
		Total \$37,634 =	\$23,016	\$12,150	\$1,468

and be it further

Resolved: That these funds be a continuing carrying account to the first fiscal year following the year for which the appropriation was made; and be it further

Resolved: That upon receipt of allotments duly approved by the Governor and Council based on work programs submitted to the Commissioner of Finance and Administration, the State Controller shall authorize expenditures of this appropriation on the basis of such allotments and not otherwise.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Under Title X of the National Defense Education Act of 1958, an annual allotment is permitted to each state up to a maximum of \$50,000. Whatever portion of this Federal grant is used must be matched dollar-for-dollar with State funds.

The 99th Legislature, at its regular session, passed Chapter 371, Public Laws of 1959, which accepted the provisions of this program and authorized appropriations for same.

At the Special Session of the 99th Legis'ature in January, 1960, Chapter 131 of the 1959 Resolves was passed making appropriations for Titles II, III, V, and X of the National Defense Education Act. The amount made available to Title X was \$20,131.

A Research and Statistical Unit, consisting of six employees, has been organized and it is expected by the end of February, 1961, a complete IBM 407 Data Processing Unit will be in operation.

By July I the preliminary and formative phase of the statistical program will have been completed and in order to utilize the equipment to full efficiency and to meet the demands for statistical services not only for the several divisions of the Department of Education but also of the several professional agencies, associations and committees now functioning in the State of Maine which are particularly interested in educational statistics, it will be necessary to increase the size of the present staff and furnish additional funds for materials and rental of machines. With that objective in mind, the supplemental budget under Account 8224 was presented to Governor Reed in September requesting an appropriation of \$17,707 in 1961-62 and \$18,929 for 1962-63. These two appropriations would buy \$36,634 Federal dollars and would make it possible to develop the Research and Statistical program by \$73,270 during the next two years.

The Federal Government, all of the States through their chief school officers, and all leading citizens are showing more interest than ever before for the needs of the educational system in this country. It is being mentioned frequently that improvement is needed in the accuracy and reliability of educational statistics and this program will also make it possible for dissemination of educational information through publication of handbooks and brochures.