

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST LEGISLATURE

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**No. 471**

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S. P. 172

In Senate, January 22, 1963

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Hichborn of Piscataquis.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-THREE

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### **RESOLVE, Appropriating Money to Encourage Maine Youth to Develop Their Potential Through Education.**

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**Department of Education; appropriation. Resolved:** In order to provide funds to employ a director of the project "Help Youth Pursue Opportunity," to employ secretarial help and to provide for necessary traveling expenses of the director and the project committee, and to provide funds to encourage local projects, there is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$16,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1964 and \$16,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1965, to the Department of Education, in accordance with the following schedule:

	1963-64		1964-65	
Personal Services	(1½)	\$8,736	(1½)	\$9,178
All Other		6,754		6,822
Capital Expenditures		510		—
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		\$16,000		\$16,000

### STATEMENT OF FACTS

One child out of 3 enrolled in grade 5 graduates from secondary school at the time when there is a growing demand for skilled craftsmen, technicians and persons graduating from a degree-granting institution. Qualified graduates of our Maine secondary schools have difficulty finding opportunities for post-

secondary education, as our Maine post-secondary schools are not large enough to accept all of the qualified applicants.

The State School Boards Association and the State Department of Education are sponsoring a committee representing the several organizations in the State interested in education and youth in an attempt to "Help Youth Pursue Opportunity." Research is needed to determine why students leave school, needed changes in curriculum, and the role of guidance with the school-leaver. There is need also for assistance in post-secondary-school placement.

To meet these needs a full-time person is required. This person would work with the committee during the next 2 years and develop an accurate outline as to the nature of the problem and some possible solutions for Maine.