

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 67

In Senate, February 7, 1919.

Referred to Committee on Education and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

P. F. CRANE, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Babb of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND NINETEEN

AN ACT to provide for the training of rural teachers.

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

Section 1. As a means of increasing the efficiency of rural
2 education it shall be the duty of the state superintendent of
3 public schools to make provision for a special school of in-
4 struction during the summer months for not more than one
5 hundred rural teachers. The course of study and plans of
6 instruction shall be arranged with a special view to train-
7 ing for rural teaching and rural leadership. Teachers eligi-
8 ble to attend said school shall be selected by the state su-
9 perintendent of schools, upon recommendation of superin-
10 tendents of rural towns, in accordance with such standards

11 of fitness as the state superintendent shall determine. Teach-
12 ers so trained shall agree to return to the service of the
13 towns from which they are chosen for at least one year dur-
14 ing which time they shall act as rural critic and helping
15 teachers.

Sect. 2. The state superintendent of public schools is here-
2 by authorized to arrange for the payment of necessary ex-
3 penses of travel and board incurred by teachers in attend-
4 ing said school of instruction, and at the close of the school
5 year he shall recommend to the Governor and Council, upon
6 satisfactory evidence of successful service, the payment to
7 each teacher so trained of a bonus of twenty-five per cent
8 of the annual salary paid to her by the town for her ser-
9 vices. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of
10 this act there is hereby appropriated for the year nineteen
11 hundred nineteen the sum of five thousand dollars, and for
12 the year nineteen hundred twenty, and annually thereafter,
13 the sum of twenty thousand dollars, said amounts to be de-
14 ducted from state school funds.