

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 291

In Senate, March 29, 1919.

Reported by Mr. Ames from Committee on Education and
laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

P. F. CRANE, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Provide Part-time and Evening School Classes
for Persons Between the Ages of Fourteen and Eighteen
Years Employed in Industrial Establishments Who Have
Not Completed the Elementary School.

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

Section 1. In order to improve the industrial and civic ef-
2 ficiency of persons between the ages of fourteen and
3 eighteen now engaged in industrial occupations and who
4 have not reached the proficiency in reading, writing, arith-
5 metic, language, geography, history and citizenship re-
6 quired for the completion of the elementary school course
7 as recognized in the schools of the State of Maine the su-

8 perintending school committee and boards of education
9 of the towns and cities of the state are hereby authorized
10 to establish part-time and part-time continuation schools
11 and classes for the benefit of such persons. For the pur-
12 pose of this act a part-time continuation school or class
13 shall be understood to mean such schools or classes as are
14 conducted during the regular working hours of the persons
15 employed. Such schools shall cover 144 hours per year
16 and meet the standards set up by the State Board for Vo-
17 cational Education.

Section 2. Whenever the superintendent of schools of any
2 town or city on or before the first day of July shall report
3 to the state superintendent of schools that part-time and
4 part-time continuation schools and classes have been main-
5 tained in accordance with the specified standards, and when
6 such schools and classes shall be approved by the State
7 Board for Vocational Education the state superintendent
8 shall recommend to the governor and Council annually in
9 December the payment of reimbursement from federal
10 funds designated for part-time schools and from state
11 funds provided for industrial education to the extent of
12 two-thirds the cost of instruction.

Section 3. This act shall not be construed to interfere in
2 any manner with the provisions of Chapter Forty-nine of
3 the Revised Statutes of the State of Maine relating to child
4 labor and the amendments thereto.