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Legislative Document

No. 1207

H. P. 1863

House of Representatives, March 3, 1949.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. McClure of Bath.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-NINE

AN ACT Providing Vocational Rehabilitation for Sanatoriums.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 23, § 167-A, additional. Chapter 23 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 167-A, to read as follows:

‘Sec. 167-A. **Instructors for vocational rehabilitation.** The state shall employ 3 instructors, or agents, who shall devote their full time to the identification, preparation, adjustment, training and placement of patients under treatment for pulmonary tuberculosis in the state sanatoriums. These instructors, or agents, shall be attached to the state office of the bureau of rehabilitation and shall be responsible to the supervisor of this office for the adequate and efficient performance of the duties described. His place of residence shall be the tuberculosis sanatorium in which he is employed and he shall receive the maintenance customarily extended by the department of institutional service to other professional members of the sanatorium staff. While on duty at the sanatorium, and throughout his relations with patients under treatment, or with members of the sanatorium staff, he shall be subject to the instruction and direction of the chief medical officer of the sanatorium. The qualifications of this director, or agent, shall conform to

the standards established by the bureau of rehabilitation and which shall entitle said bureau to receive funds for this service available under the federal rehabilitation act. Also, the directors', or agents', qualifications shall be such that he shall be able to teach academic subjects on the plane of secondary school requirements as approved by the department of education. Patients satisfactorily completing secondary subjects under the supervision of said director, or agent, and who pass an examination in said subjects, at the discretion of the commissioner of education, shall receive a certificate entitling said patient to a credit in said subject which shall be recognized by any accredited institution teaching secondary subjects in the state.

Moneys appropriated by the legislature and funds available under the federal rehabilitation act shall be used for the purpose of this section.

These funds shall be used to pay the salaries, to be fixed by the bureau of rehabilitation, to reimburse the department of institutional service for subsistence, for necessary and approved travel expenses, for supplies and equipment incidental to the satisfactory performance of the rehabilitation service being performed, and such other expenses as shall be approved by the bureau of rehabilitation.'

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund of the state the sum of \$10,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950 and the sum of \$10,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951 to carry out the purposes of this act.