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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Miss Longstaff of Crystal.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-NINE

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**AN ACT Relating to Reimbursement to Towns for Special Teaching  
Positions.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 37, § 165, amended.** Section 165 of chapter 37 of the revised statutes, as amended by section 13 of chapter 350 of the public laws of 1945, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 165. State aid for maintaining agriculture, industrial arts and home economics in towns or academies.** Whenever the superintendent of schools of any town or the trustees of any incorporated academy shall certify to the commissioner according to a form prescribed by him that instruction in **agriculture**, industrial arts or home economics has been provided pupils of elementary schools, high schools or academies for the year preceding, then, upon approval of such certificate by the commissioner, **reimbursement per position shall be the allocation for a teaching position, as prescribed in section 201, or \$600 whichever is greater; provided further, that the commissioner is authorized to make an allocation for each teaching position for which a minimum of \$100 has been expended for consumable supplies; state aid shall be paid to an amount not to exceed 1/2 the total salary paid each teacher; provided that the amount so paid by the state for the**

employment of any one instructor in a town or academy shall not exceed \$600 in a year; and provided further, that in case two or more teachers are employed in any town or an academy, the amount paid by the state for the employment of each instructor shall not exceed \$500 in one year; and provided further, that the appropriation made by the town for this purpose shall be exclusive of any other sum received from the state for the support of public schools and of the minimum requirement raised by the town as provided by section 23; and provided further, that the course of study, equipment and qualifications of instructors shall have been approved by the commissioner.'

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 37, § 181, amended.** Section 181 of chapter 37 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'**Sec. 181. Health, safety and physical education to be included in public school courses; commissioner to prescribe rules and require reports from local superintendents.** In order more thoroughly to prepare the youth of the state for the duties and obligations of citizenship and to provide for their future well-being and comfort, it shall be the duty of the superintending school committees of the several towns of the state to make provision for instruction to be given to pupils in all public schools in personal hygiene, community sanitation, and physical education, including recreational exercises the organization and development of adequate programs of health, safety and physical education and to require the teaching of these courses to all pupils in the public elementary and secondary schools of the state in accordance with a course of study and plans of lessons and instruction prepared by the commissioner, who shall prescribe such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out in successful manner said program of health, safety and physical education, and he may require such reports from superintendents as he may deem necessary.'

**Sec. 3. R. S., c. 37, §§ 183, 184, repealed.** Section 183, as amended by section 2 of chapter 321 and by section 14 of chapter 350, both of the public laws of 1945; and section 184, of chapter 37 of the revised statutes are hereby repealed.

**Sec. 4. R. S., c. 37, § 197, amended.** The 1st sentence of the 4th paragraph of section 197 of chapter 37 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The term "teaching positions" shall be understood to mean positions in elementary and secondary schools filled by classroom teachers, assistant classroom teachers, school principals, school nurses, supervisors, assistants to

supervisors and teachers of special subjects, except when any such position is used as a basis for payment of state aid under the provisions of the laws encouraging industrial, vocational and physical education, or when any such position is filled by a person devoting less than half of the school day to the duties of such positions.'