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## CHAPTER 307

## VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

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**§ 2351. Acceptance and compliance with federal law**

The State, having accepted the Act of Congress entitled "An Act to Provide for the Promotion of Vocational Education; to Provide for Cooperation with the States in the Promotion of such Education in Agriculture and the Trades and Industries; to Provide for Cooperation with the States in the Preparation of Teachers of Vocational Subjects; and to Appropriate Money and Regulate Its Expenditure," approved February 23, 1917, which Act may be cited as the Smith-Hughes Vocational Education Act of 1917, accepts the Vocational Education Act of 1946, approved August 1, 1946, for the further development of vocational education, which may be cited as Title I of the George-Barden Act; and of Title III of the Health Amendments Act of 1956, approved August 2, 1956, providing for vocational education in practical nurse training as Title II of the George-Barden Act, will observe and comply with all of said Acts and of any Acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto.

R.S.1954, c. 41, § 196; 1961, c. 366, § 10.

**§ 2352. Treasurer of State custodian of funds**

The Treasurer of State is designated as custodian for all moneys received by the State from appropriations under the Acts of Congress of the United States referred to in section 2351; for all moneys received by the State from the appropriations made by the Congress of the United States for the vocational rehabilitation of persons disabled in industry or otherwise; and for all moneys

received by the State from the Federal Government for vocational training, and the said Treasurer of State is authorized to receive and provide for the proper custody of the same and to make disbursements therefrom upon the order of the state board, its executive officer or other legal authority.

R.S.1954, c. 41, § 197; 1961, c. 366, § 11.

### § 2353. Cooperation with federal board

The state board shall have all necessary power to cooperate with the Federal Board of Vocational Education in the administration of the Acts of Congress referred to in section 2351. The members of said board shall serve without compensation.

R.S.1954, c. 41, § 198.

### § 2354. Elementary instruction in forestry

The Forest Commissioner shall take such measures as the Commissioner of Education and the President of the University of Maine may approve for awakening an interest in behalf of forestry in the public schools, academies and colleges of the State and of imparting some degree of elementary instruction upon this subject therein.

R.S.1954, c. 36, § 9.

### § 2355. Schools for practical nursing

The state board shall have authority to establish, maintain and operate state schools for practical nursing for persons who give evidence of special aptitude or need and who desire specialized training designed specifically to train for service in practical nursing.

1957, c. 36, § 1.

### § 2356. Powers and duties of state board

For the purposes of this section and sections 57 and 2355, the state board shall have power to accept and expend all funds received by it from the department on appropriation from the General Fund of the State or from such gifts and donations either from public or private sources as may be offered unconditionally, together with fees as provided. The said board shall have authority to offer such courses of study, give such diploma or certificate on completion of a course of study, charge such tuition and other

reasonable fees and set up such qualifications for admission as it deems necessary in any such technical and vocational schools, and schools for practical nursing.

R.S.1954, c. 41, § 204; 1957, c. 36, § 2.

**§ 2357. State scholarships Maine Vocational Technical Institute**

The state board shall develop and administer a plan for awarding scholarships to selected students enrolled at the Maine Vocational Technical Institute, whose records provide evidence of the possession of such qualifications as are necessary to successfully complete the course and become competent craftsmen in a trade or industrial pursuit, and who have demonstrated ability and willingness to support the expenses of their training, but who may be in need of partial financial assistance to pay the costs of attendance at the institute. No scholarship shall exceed \$300 in any one year. Awards shall be based on evidence of individual need and worth.

1961, c. 366, § 12.

**§ 2358. Part-time schools for persons over school age**

In order to improve the industrial and civic efficiency of persons between the ages of 14 and 18 now engaged in industrial occupations and who have not reached the proficiency in reading, writing, arithmetic, language, geography, history and citizenship required for the completion of the elementary school course as recognized in the schools of the State, the superintending school committee and boards of education of the towns and cities of the State are authorized to establish part-time or part-time continuation schools and classes for the benefit of such persons. For the purpose of this section and section 2359 a part-time continuation school or class shall be understood to mean such schools or classes as are conducted during the regular working hours of the persons employed. Such schools shall cover 144 hours per year and meet the standards set up by the state board.

R.S.1954, c. 41, § 205.

**§ 2359. Reimbursement from state and federal funds**

Whenever the superintendent of schools of any administrative unit, on or before the first day of July, shall report to the commissioner that part-time or part-time continuation schools

and classes have been maintained in accordance with the specified standards, and when such schools and classes shall be approved by the state board, the commissioner shall recommend to the Governor and Council annually in December the payment of reimbursement from federal funds designated for part-time schools and from state funds provided for industrial education to the extent of  $\frac{1}{2}$  the cost of instruction.

R.S.1954, c. 41, § 206; 1961, c. 366, § 13.

**§ 2360. Relation to child labor laws**

Sections 2358 and 2359 shall not be construed to interfere in any manner with Title 26, relating to child labor.

R.S.1954, c. 41, § 207.