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Hon. Harry V. Gilson Commissioner of Education Augusta, Maine

Dear Sir:

In response to an inquiry made by Miss Stone relative to the Teacher's Retirement System and teacher's pensions, I am pleased to suggest that Chapter 225, P. L. 1941 provides that the word "'Teacher' shall mean any teacher, principal, supervisor, school nurse, school secretary or superintendent employed in any day school within the state;" etc.

Chapter 165, P. L. 1935 provides that the Commissioner of Education shall formulate rules and regulations relative to teacher's pensions. (See chapter).

Chapter 41, P. L. 1939 amends Paragraph II of Section 229 of Chapter 19 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter 8, P. L. 1931 and Chapter 102, P. L. 1933 and reads as follows:

"II. Provided that each and every teacher who began teaching after the 1st day of July, 1924 and therefore is ineligible to the provisions of sections 219 to 225, inclusive, and who shall become 25 years of age on or before August 1 of any year shall be required to contribute to his or her retirement foundation. It shall be the duty of each employer to deduct from each and every pay-roll period such amounts as are required to meet the provisions herein provided. The amount of said deductions shall be certified by the superintendent of schools and approved by the governing board to the treasurer of the town and also to the commissioner of education. The treasurer of the town shall forward in not exceeding 2 payments to the treasurer of state on or before June 30th following, the total of the amounts so deducted." Commissioner of Education December 1, 1941 - Page 2

The foregoing provisions of the statute now apply to school nurses and school secretaries.

Trusting that this will give you the information you require, I am

Very truly yours,

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