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Referred to Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Cyr of Fort Kent.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-ONE

AN ACT Changing Fort Kent Normal School to Fort Kent Teachers' College.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 41, § 11, sub-§ XIII, amended. Subsection XIII of section 11 of chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'**XIII. State teachers' colleges.** To supervise the state ~~normal schools and~~ teachers' colleges;'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 41, § 191, amended. Section 191 of chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'**Sec. 191. Courses in teachers' colleges.** The state board of education shall cause to be introduced into all of the ~~normal schools and~~ teachers' colleges such courses in manual arts, domestic science and agriculture as will enable their graduates to teach elementary courses in those subjects in the rural and grade schools. In not more than one of said schools, the course in manual training shall be so extended as to offer opportunity to persons desiring to qualify as special teachers of that branch, and in not more than one, the course in domestic science shall be so extended as to offer similar opportunity to persons desiring to qualify as special teachers thereof. For the 2 special courses thus offered, the said board is authorized to expend annually such sums as may be available in appropriations for the support of said ~~normal schools and~~ teachers' colleges.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 41, § 223, amended. The first sentence of section 223 of chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 375 of the public laws of 1955, is further amended to read as follows:

'The Farmington State Teachers' College at Farmington, the Gorham State Teachers' College at Gorham, the Washington State Teachers' College at Machias, the Fort Kent State ~~Normal School Teachers' College~~ at Fort Kent and the Aroostook State Teachers' College at Presque Isle shall be conducted for the purposes and upon the principles ~~herein~~ set forth.'

Sec. 4. R. S., c. 41, § 223, sub-§ V, amended. Subsection V of section 223 of chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'**V. Register of students.** The principals of the normal schools and of all other schools in which normal departments are supported, wholly or in part by the state, and presidents of teachers colleges, supported wholly or in part by the State, shall keep a register containing the names of all students entering such schools or departments, the date of entering and leaving, their ages, number of days' attendance, the length of the term, a list of textbooks used and all other information required in the blanks furnished by the commissioner.'

Sec. 5. R. S., c. 41, § 224, amended. Section 224 of chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'**Sec. 224. Course of study.** The course of study at the state normal schools and teachers' colleges shall occupy ~~2~~ 4 years with suitable vacations, and, with the terms of admission, shall be arranged by the commissioner. The board may arrange for a course of study, occupying ~~3 or~~ 4 years, for such students as elect to pursue the same and it may give such credit as it may deem advisable for successful teaching experience.'

Sec. 6. R. S., c. 41, § 225, amended. Section 225 of chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'**Sec. 225. Diplomas.** Any student, who completes the course of study prescribed at a state normal school or teachers' college and otherwise complies with the regulations of the school or college, shall receive a diploma certifying the same ~~provided further, that the~~. The board may confer appropriate educational degrees based upon 4 years of academic and professional instruction with such equipment and faculties as will safeguard the integrity of the degrees conferred.'

Sec. 7. R. S., c. 41, § 226, amended. The first sentence of section 226 of chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'Applicants for admission to state normal schools and teachers' colleges shall signify their intention to become teachers.'

Sec. 8. R. S., c. 41, § 227, amended. Section 227 of chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'**Sec. 227. Supervision.** The state normal schools and teachers' colleges shall be under the direction of the state board of education. Said board shall have charge of the general interests of said schools colleges; shall see that the affairs thereof are conducted as required by law and by such by-laws as the board adopts; employ teachers and lecturers for the same; and shall have authority, by and with the consent of the Governor and Council, to dispose of and acquire

property for the improvement of the plants and grounds; and biennially render to the Governor and Council an accurate account of the receipts and expenditures for the biennium preceding, including same as a part of the commissioner's report. The clerical and staff services for this board shall be performed by the employees of the department under the direction of the commissioner. ~~This board shall have full authority to change the names of any or all of the state normal schools and to designate them as teachers' colleges when such institutions offer not less than 4 years of teacher training work.~~ The head of a teachers' college shall be designated as a president.'

Sec. 9. R. S., c. 41, § 229, repealed. Section 229 of chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 30 of chapter 397 of the public laws of 1957, is repealed.

Sec. 10. R. S., c. 41, § 230, amended. Section 230 of chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 246 of the public laws of 1959, is further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 230. State scholarships for teachers' college students. The state board shall develop and administer a plan for awarding scholarships to selected students enrolled in the ~~normal schools and~~ teachers' colleges of the State who have evidenced qualifications of general worth and professional promise as potential teachers, and who have demonstrated ability and willingness to support their educational expenses, but who may be in need of partial financial assistance with respect to their education costs. Each scholarship shall not exceed \$300 in any one year. The board may, at its discretion, reduce the amount of any particular award, when such a reduction would better serve the need of any otherwise eligible recipient. Amounts available for such scholarships shall be distributed annually by the board to the 5 ~~normal schools and~~ teachers' colleges in the following manner:

I. \$1,500 or 5 full scholarships per school. \$1,500, or the equivalent of 5 full scholarships, to each college ~~or normal school~~;

II. Allocation of balance. Allocation of the balance of the scholarship fund to the 5 ~~normal schools and~~ teachers' colleges in the same proportions as the proportion of each institution's enrollment bears to the total student enrollment of the 5 institutions for the fall semester of the current year.'

Sec. 11. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this act, the sum of \$64,621 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1963.