

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 223

S. P. 78

In Senate, January 19, 1965

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Secretary

Presented by Senator Mendell of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-FIVE

AN ACT Qualifying the State for Full Participation in Vocational Education Act of 1963.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 20, § 1291, amended. The last sentence of the first paragraph of section 1291 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

‘Any youth whose parent or guardian maintains a home for his family in an administrative unit that maintains, or contracts for school privileges in, an approved secondary school ~~which offers less than 2 approved occupational courses of study~~, and who has met the qualifications for admission to the high school in his town, may elect to attend some other approved secondary school to which he may gain admission for the purpose of studying an ~~occupational~~ **approved vocational** course not offered or contracted for by the administrative unit of his legal residence.’

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 20, § 1291, amended. The first paragraph of section 1291 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end, a new sentence, as follows:

‘When the administrative unit of his legal residence maintains or contracts for school privileges in an approved secondary school which offers less than 2 occupational courses of study, he may elect to attend some other approved secondary school to which he may gain admission for the purpose of studying an occupational course.’

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 20, § 2351, amended. Section 2351 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 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, and of Title VIII of the National Defense Education Act, approved September 2, 1958, as Title III of the George-Barden Act and of the Vocational Education Act of 1963, approved December 18, 1963, will observe and comply with all of said Acts and of any Acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto. **The state board is authorized to contract with nonpublic academies and educational institutions for the conduct of vocational programs when advantageous as provided in the Vocational Act of 1963.**

Sec. 4. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$17,346 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1966 and \$16,405 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1967 to the Department of Education to provide sufficient staff at the state level to qualify the State for full participation under the Vocational Education Act of 1963, according to the following schedule:

Department	1965-66	1966-67
EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
Personal Services	(4) \$10,967	(4) \$11,525
All Other	4,625	4,880
Capital Expenditures	1,754	—
	<hr/> \$17,346	<hr/> \$16,405

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Vocational Education Act of 1963 (P. L. 88-210) makes available to the State of Maine substantial increases in funds for vocational education. In order to take full advantage of this Act and comply with its provisions, it is necessary that vocational programs be made accessible to youth and adults as widely as possible and that the state board be able to contract with certain academies or other nonpublic institutions when it will provide more or better opportunities for vocational education.

In order to take full advantage of the Act, the state board must provide sufficient staff at the state level to direct and supervise the programs offered, and this will require additional staff members. The proposal contained in this Act is for the addition of a supervisor of business and distributive education, a curriculum coordinator and 2 clerical workers. One-half of the salaries of these persons may be paid from federal funds.