

ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

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Presented by Mr. Cottrell of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE;

AN ACT Providing Funds for a School Library Supervisor in the Department of Education.

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

Appropriations for necessary expenditures of government. In order to provide for the necessary expenditures of government and for other purposes for the fiscal years — from July 1, 1965 to June 30, 1966 and from July 1, 1966 to June 30, 1967 — the following sums or as much thereof as shall severally be found necessary, as designated in the following tabulations, are appropriated out of any moneys in the General Fund not otherwise appropriated. Upon receipt of allotments duly approved by the Governor and Council based upon work programs submitted to the State Budget Officer, the State Controller shall authorize expenditures for other purposes necessary for the conduct of State Government on the basis of such allotments and not otherwise. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1965-66		1966-67	
EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF				
School Library				
Personal Services All Other Capital	(2)	\$8,604 1,300 6,000	(2)	\$12,408 1,300 2,000
	-	\$15,904	-	\$15.708

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Maine School Library Association appeals to the 102nd Legislature to appropriate funds to create the position of a State of Maine School Library Supervisor within the State Department of Education. Thirty-five states now have state school library consultants. Only Maine and New Hampshire in the northeastern area lack this vital person to interpret, improve and extend existing school library conditions.

Among the services a person in this position would render are: Public relations and publicity for both professional and lay groups, in-service training programs to improve the quality of existing school library services at the local level, cooperation with the State Department of Education and institutions of higher learning, consultations with individuals responsible for preparing library budgets to maintain an economical and efficient expenditure of local, state and federal funds allocated to school libraries, professional advice to school librarians and centralized source for gathering, interpreting and implementing school library statistics to eliminate an unevenness in the quantity and quality of school library services.

For personnel there would be needed a full-time State of Maine School Library Supervisor, classed as an Educational Specialist and clerical assistance.

Capital expenditures would include desks, chairs, files and all other office supplies.