

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 605

H. P. 451

House of Representatives, January 27, 1965

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

JEROME G. PLANTE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Cottrell of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-FIVE

RESOLVE, to Provide Funds for a Gymnasium-Auditorium and a Physical Education Program at the Southern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute in South Portland.

Funds for Southern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute. Resolved: That there is appropriated to the Department of Education from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$398,500 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1966 and the sum of \$6,450 from the General Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1967 to erect a combined Gymnasium-Auditorium and to provide a physical education director at the Southern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute in South Portland. Costs are as follows:

	1965-66	1966-67
Gymnasium-Auditorium (including equipment)	\$398,500	\$ —
Physical Education Director	—————	6,450

STATEMENT OF FACTS

This resolve is to appropriate funds for physical education activities at the Southern Maine Vocational-Technical Institute at South Portland as well as providing an auditorium for school use. At present there is no room large enough to seat the entire student body at once. Hence it is impossible to hold school assemblies that are a vital part of an educational program. Large gatherings, such as graduation, cannot be held on the SMV-TI campus. Practically every

school of higher learning has such a facility, either separate or combined with a gymnasium.

The school has no gymnasium as such for physical education or athletics. The students themselves have converted an old cable shed into a small playing surface. The 18-21 year old person has tremendous energy that needs an outlet through directed exercise and athletic competition. The school has no varsity basketball court, although it does have a team playing other colleges and technical institutes on other facilities. The building would also serve as a student activities center.

Requested with such a Gymnasium-Auditorium for the second year of the biennium is a physical education director who will conduct physical education classes and coach and direct the athletic program of the school. There are 170 dormitory students who need an occasional physical diversion from study evenings. These young men are no different from those in other post-high school institutions in their need for physical activity.