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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

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No. 1608

S. P. 628

In Senate, January 17, 1966

The Committee on Education suggested.

EDWIN H. PERT, Secretary

Presented by Senator Maxwell of Franklin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SIX

AN ACT Relating to the Staff of Vocational Rehabilitation.

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

Utilizing funds made available by Federal Government. In order to utilize funds made available by the Federal Government for vocational rehabilitation, the Department of Education, Vocational Rehabilitation Division, is authorized to increase its staff as follows:

| | 1965-66 | 1966-67 |
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| EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF | | |
| Vocational Rehabilitation | | |
| Personal Services | (8) ----- | (11) ----- |

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Amendments to the Vocational Rehabilitation Act passed by the Congress has increased the percentage of federal financial support of the program. Under this amendment the State of Maine's appropriations for vocational rehabilitation will earn an additional \$60,000 in federal money for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1966, and \$140,000 additional for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1967.

Legislative authorization is needed to make use of these funds. The increase will enable the Rehabilitation Division to add staff to fill some serious gaps and overcome lags in service. It is particularly desirable to serve more disabled welfare recipients and more injured workmen referred by the Industrial Accident Commission. It is proposed that 6 counseling and supervisory positions and 5 clerical personnel be established.