

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY**  
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied  
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1655

H. P. 1187

House of Representatives, January 17, 1966

The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested.

JEROME G. PLANTE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Carroll of Limerick.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-SIX

AN ACT Appropriating Funds for Education of the Deaf.

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

**Department of Education, Vocational Rehabilitation; appropriation.** There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$2,875 to the Department of Education, Vocational Rehabilitation for the fiscal year 1966-67 to provide funds for payment of tuition of students attending the American School For the Deaf as follows:

	1966-67
EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF	
Vocational Rehabilitation	
All Other	\$2,875

**Statement of Facts**

For approximately 10 years the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation has been sending graduates of the elementary school program at the Baxter School for the Deaf to the American School for the Deaf at West Hartford, Connecticut. The Baxter School does not, at this time, provide courses for high school students. The American School for the Deaf provides education at the high school level and also vocational training.

The cost of attendance at the American School was \$2,300 until the fall of 1965 when an increase of \$500 was announced bringing the annual charge to \$2,800.

The cost in previous years has been provided as follows: (1) Contribution of the town of residence amounting to its per capita cost; (2) \$500 in each case from

the Division of Special Education for Physically Handicapped Children; (3) a maximum of \$1,350 of the balance by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

The budget for Vocational Rehabilitation did not provide for the unexpected increase in tuition. Twenty-three students are expected to be eligible to attend in 1966-67. The problem was solved for 1965-66 by Council Order #529 dated October 7, 1965, which provided \$3,000 to Vocational Rehabilitation from the Contingency Fund which was matched on a \$2 for \$1 basis by federal funds.

The increase in cost for 1966-67 can be met on the same basis by allotting \$8,625 in federal funds if the state provides \$2,875. It was agreed with the Governor and Executive Council that the need for a state appropriation would be presented at any special session of the Legislature.