

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

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No. 1678

H. P. 1210

House of Representatives, January 17, 1966

The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested.

JEROME G. PLANTE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Levesque of Madawaska.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SIX

AN ACT Appropriating Money to Match Federal Funds Provided Under Title
III of the National Defense Education Act and Under the Vocational Edu-
cation Act of 1963.

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

**Sec. 1. Department of Education, National Defense Education Act; appro-
priation.** In order to provide funds necessary to match federal funds allotted
to the State of Maine for administration and supervision of additional instruc-
tional programs authorized under provisions of Title III of the National Defense
Education Act as amended by the 88th Congress, there is appropriated out of
any moneys in the General Fund not otherwise appropriated the following sum
for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1966, and ending June 30, 1967:

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

1966-67

Matching funds, National Defense Education Act

All Other

\$25,000

It is the intent of the Legislature that the appropriations provided by this
section be transferred, by means of contributions and transfers, to the Special
Revenue Fund, National Defense Education Act, Title III, Instruction, and from
there, upon the receipt of allotments approved by the Governor and Council on
the basis of work programs submitted to the State Budget Officer, the State
Controller shall authorize expenditures on a matching basis of these appropri-
ations and of the federal funds accruing thereto on the basis of such allotments
and not otherwise.

It is further the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Education be authorized to establish on a permanent basis the 5 program supervision and related clerical positions heretofore authorized by the Governor and Council on a limited service basis in order to make available to the public schools of the State the provisions of amendments to the National Defense Education Act relating to instruction in the subject areas of English, reading and social studies.

Sec. 2. Department of Education, Vocational Education Act of 1963; appropriation. In order to provide funds necessary to match federal funds allotted to the State of Maine for administration and supervision of programs of vocational education authorized by the Vocational Education Act of 1963, there is appropriated out of any moneys in the General Fund not otherwise appropriated, the following sums for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 1965, and ending June 30, 1966, and beginning July 1, 1966, and ending June 30, 1967:

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF	1965-66	1966-67
Vocational Education Administration		
Personal Services	(5) —	(5) \$13,750
All Other	—	3,875
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Total	—	\$17,625

Upon the 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 of these appropriations and revenues accruing thereto on the basis of such allotments and not otherwise.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Education be authorized to establish on a permanent basis the 5 positions — 2 in professional vocational education, 2 in clerical assistance, and one in accounting — heretofore authorized by the Governor and Council on a limited service basis in order to permit the State to comply with and accept the provisions of the Vocational Education Act of 1963 and make available to the State the grants for vocational education authorized by that Act.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The National Defense Education Act enacted in 1957 provided funds to local school units for strengthening instruction in mathematics, science and modern foreign languages. It was amended by the last Congress to include history, geography, English, civics and reading.

A request was made to the 102nd Legislature for \$25,000 for money to match federal funds for administration and supervision. The acceptance of approximately \$125,000 in federal funds for use by local units depended on state matching funds for the employment of staff to supervise the new subject areas.

The demand by local officials for a share of the federal funds available to the State was so great that Council Order #410 was introduced to provide funds by

a transfer from another account. The Governor and Council approved the order for transfer of \$20,877 on August 5, 1965.

As this program has been financed for the current year by council action it was agreed with the Council that a request would be made for an appropriation for 1966-67 to insure the continuation of federal funds for local units.

The situation with regard to vocational education is similar to that under the National Defense Education Act. The Federal Vocational Act of 1963 makes available to the State of Maine approximately \$1,000,000 for the expansion of vocational education. In order to take advantage of this Act, the State Board of Education must provide sufficient staff to direct and supervise the programs offered. One-half of both the salaries and expenses of the staff are available from federal funds if the State provides the matching share.

Although the 102nd Legislature did not appropriate funds for this purpose the urgency was so great to utilize the \$1,000,000 of federal funds that a Council Order was presented to transfer \$21,352 for this purpose for 1965-66. It was agreed with the Council that an appropriation would be requested at any special session to continue this service to local units for 1966-67.