

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 111

H. P. 81

House of Representatives, January 18, 1967

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Birt of East Millinocket.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Appropriating Money to Supplement Federal Vocational Funds for Area Education Programs for Apprentices and Other Adult Workers.

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

Department of Education; appropriation. There is appropriated to the Department of Education from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$30,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1968 and the sum of \$30,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1969 to supplement present vocational funds for conducting related instruction for apprentices or classes of technical or related instruction for other adult workers. Rates of reimbursement, established by the State Board of Education, will reimburse local school units partially or in full for expenditures made on account of nonresident students. Funds will be used, as needed, to match federal vocational funds in order that the state vocational technical schools may conduct similar courses for apprentices and other adult workers.

It is further provided that this activity shall become a continuing item in the Department of Education budget as long as there is a need for it.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Classes of instruction for apprentices and other adult workers are needed, and can be provided most efficiently when they can serve areas larger than that of the usual local school. Under these conditions, local administrative school units are reluctant to conduct them if it involves the use of locally appropriated funds

to pay the expenses for those students who do not reside within the area served by the local administrative unit. Organization of such classes can be greatly facilitated if the Department of Education can reimburse the local unit for the extra expense on account of the nonresident persons enrolled.

The state vocational technical schools are in position to serve an important part of the increasing demand for classes for apprentices and other adult workers provided funds can be made available to match federal vocational funds available for this purpose.

Appropriations for these purposes were made by the 100th, 101st and 102nd Legislatures and have been helpful in promoting such classes. The increasing demand for such classes, both in local school districts and in the state schools, indicates that this should be a continuing item in the budget of the Department of Education.