

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 366

S. P. 175

In Senate, January 26, 1967

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

JERROLD B. SPEERS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Katz of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Providing Funds to Supplement Vocational Rehabilitation Programs.

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

Funds to Supplement Vocational Rehabilitation Programs. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Education, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, the sum of \$50,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1968 and the sum of \$75,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1969 to supplement state and federal funds for vocational rehabilitation of the severely handicapped. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1967-68	1968-69
EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
Division of Vocational Rehabilitation		
Personal Services	(2) \$ 2,620	(2) \$ 2,750
All Other	46,968	72,250
Capital Expenditures	412	—
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	\$50,000	\$75,000

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The vocational rehabilitation of severely handicapped persons needing special resources and services has hitherto been greatly impeded for lack of such resources and services and of money to provide them. Amendments to the National Vocational Rehabilitation Act makes it possible for state rehabilitation agencies

to provide extended evaluation services including diagnosis, physical restoration and training.

Rehabilitation of persons with severe disabilities is expensive. It may involve many weeks or months of paid services for evaluation through treatment or training in rehabilitation centers, hospitals, sheltered workshops or schools. However, the alternative may well be years of unending support by the town or state.