

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 439

H. P. 305

House of Representatives, January 31, 1967

Referred to Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Baker of Winthrop.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT Authorizing State Board of Education to Enter into Contract with
Certain Nonpublic Schools for Conduct of Vocational Education Programs.**

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

R. S., T. 20, § 58, additional. Title 20 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 58, to read as follows:

§ 58. Contracts for vocational education programs

The State Board of Education is authorized to enter into contract with any academy or institute, which is serving one or more communities in lieu of a public secondary school, for the conduct of a vocational course or vocational courses which meet the same standards for approval as those conducted in public secondary schools.

The State Board of Education may reimburse such institutions for part of the cost of conducting approved vocational courses from funds available under the Vocational Education Act of 1963 (P. L. 88-210)

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Academies and institutes in Maine which have contracts with a municipality for the education of local youths and which have joint boards of control as provided in the Revised Statutes, Title 20, section 1289, are considered public schools and are eligible for regular subsidies for approved vocational programs. Other academies and institutes, even though serving as public schools and educating youths at public expense, are not presently eligible for such subsidies.

This legislation would make it possible for the State Board of Education to assist such institutions in providing approved vocational courses in a manner similar to that for eligible institutions.

Such contracting with nonpublic schools is permissible under P. L. 88-210 if authorized by state law.