

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 693

H. P. 480

House of Representatives, February 8, 1967

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hawes of Union.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT Providing for an Itinerant Instructor, Fire Service Training, in the
Department of Education.**

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

Sec. 1. Itinerant instructor. The Department of Education is authorized to establish a position to provide a full-time itinerant instructor for teaching fire-fighting courses in municipal fire departments throughout the State.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Education the sum of \$3,850 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1968 and the sum of \$4,015 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1969 to carry out the purposes of this Act.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Title 20, section 2551 of the Revised Statutes authorized the Department of Education to conduct a program for training of firemen. Since the original resolve enacted in 1957, experience has shown that firefighting courses have been effective and are serving a vital need in communities where training programs have been available.

Part-time instructors have satisfactorily provided the leadership in those sections of the State where a full-time fire department member is available to serve as instructor. However, most communities of the State are served by volunteer fire departments. The volunteer departments do not always have qualified

instructors available to them within their departments but must rely on part-time instructors living in other communities to teach the courses. The availability of services of part-time instructors is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain in the western, northern and eastern sections of the State. As a result, fire department requests remain delayed or unfilled in those areas.

A full-time itinerant instructor should be available to conduct classes in all sections of the State where part-time instructors are not able to effectively serve the needs.

The estimated cost for the proposed itinerant instructor service is as follows:

| | 1967-68 | 1968-69 |
|-------------------|-------------|---------|
| Personal Services | (1) \$6,300 | \$6,615 |
| All Other | 1,350 | 1,350 |
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| Total | \$7,650 | \$7,965 |

One-half the cost for salary and travel expense can be paid from anticipated available federal vocational education funds.