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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1615

S. P. 617 In Senate, May 2, 1967
Referred to Committee on Education. 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 Relating to Comprehensive Planning Under the Higher Education Facilities Act of 1963.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment of the Legislature unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, in order to submit a request and proposal for federal funds under the Higher Education Act of 1963, the State must have legislative authority to accept any such federal funds; and

Whereas, such authority is needed prior to May 15, 1967 which is the deadline for submitting the State's proposal; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary for the preparation of comprehensive master plans and a continuous system of planning covering all institutions of higher education in Maine; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

R. S., T. 20, c. 322, additional. Title 20 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter 322 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 322

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING UNDER THE HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES ACT OF 1063

§ 2720. Purpose

The purpose of this chapter is to authorize the State Board of Education to conduct either directly or through other appropriate agencies or institutions, comprehensive planning to assist the institutions of higher education in Maine to construct needed classrooms, laboratories and libraries in order to accommodate mounting student enrollments and to meet demands for skilled technicians and for advanced graduate education as set forth under the Higher Education Facilities Act of 1963, P. L. 88-204, as amended by section 3 of P. L. 89-752.

§ 2721. Duties

The State Board of Education is authorized to establish plans, rules and regulations or to amend existing plans, rules and regulations agreeable to the Higher Education Facilities Act of 1963, P. L. 88-204, as amended by section 3 of P. L. 89-7532, and requirements of the United States Government established under said Act, as amended, and to accept and disburse all moneys in accordance with said Act.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.