

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1630**

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S. P. 628

In Senate, May 4, 1967

Refer to Committee on State Government. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

JERROLD B. SPEERS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Berry of Cumberland.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT to Appropriate Money to Plan and Apply for a Rural Youth Corps  
for Maine.**

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

Whereas, planning and preparing a detailed application for federal funds to operate a Rural Youth Corps should begin immediately; and

Whereas, there are many, many boys and girls in rural areas of the State of Maine who are culturally, emotionally, economically and educationally disadvantaged and deserve a better future; and

Whereas, Maine officials have been encouraged by the office of Economic Opportunity and the Department of Labor to plan for a comprehensive program to aid these young people; and

Whereas, it will be necessary to hire a small staff for a short period of time on a project basis to detail plans and prepare applications for federal funds to operate this program; and

Whereas, preliminary plans indicate that as much as \$2,000,000 of federal funds could be made available annually at little or no additional cost to the State; 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:

**Executive Department, Division of Economic Opportunity; appropriation.** There is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund to the Executive Department, Division of Economic Opportunity, the sum of \$21,600 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1968 to plan and prepare necessary federal applications for funding of a Rural Youth Corps. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1967-68
EXECUTIVE, DEPARTMENT OF	
Division of Economic Opportunity	
Personal Services	(4) \$19,800
All Other	1,500
Capital Expenditures	300
	\$21,600

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

#### STATEMENT OF FACTS

This bill would make limited funds available to initiate a program for retraining and employment of rural youth in the State of Maine. The request would authorize employing a project director, assistant director, 2 clerks and provide money for travel, preparation of project application and one typewriter. The personnel budget is computed for an 8-month period after which federal money would be available to sustain the program.

This program will bring in a large sum of money after the project is prepared. The Executive Department has been assured of rapid processing and acceptance of the proposal.

#### PROJECT COSTS (estimated) 1967-68

\$ 21,600	— State (cash)	
189,000	— State (supportive services = 10% "in kind")	
1,892,080	— Federal (cash)	
\$2,102,680	TOTAL PROJECT*	

\* Project subject to annual renewal without additional state cash contributions.