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JERROLD B. SPEERS, Secretary

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to the State Colleges.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 20, § 102, sub-§ 13, repealed. Subsection 13 of section 102 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 29 of chapter 513 of the public laws of 1965, is repealed effective July 1, 1968.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 20, § 2218, amended. The first paragraph of section 2218 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 443 of the public laws of 1965, is amended to read as follows:

There shall be created a State Scholarship Board, hereinafter in this chapter called the "board", consisting of the Commissioner of Education, the President of the University of Maine, the chairman of the State Board of Education, one member to be appointed by the Governor from among the presidents of the several state ~~teachers~~ colleges, the President of the Maine Teachers Association and the chairman of the Governor's Advisory Committee on Education.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 20, § 2301, amended. Section 2301 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by sections 1 and 2 of chapter 273 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended to read as follows:

§ 2301. Five state colleges

The Farmington State College at Farmington, the Gorham State College at Gorham, the Washington State College at Machias, the Fort Kent State College at Fort Kent and the Aroostook State College a Presque Isle shall be conducted for the purposes and upon the principles set forth.

1. Training of teachers. They shall be devoted to the training of teachers for the professional labors and such other post high school courses of study as

may be designated by the State **College** Board. Section 2304 shall apply only to the regular teacher education courses, and the State **College** Board may in its discretion establish special tuition charges for other post high school work.

2. Course of study. The course of study shall be left to the discretion of this **State College** Board, **except as otherwise provided by law.**

3. Art of school management. The art of school management, including the best methods of government and instruction, shall have a prominent place in the daily exercise of said ~~schools~~ **colleges.**

4. Free from denominational teachings. Said ~~schools~~ **colleges**, while teaching the fundamental truths of Christianity and the great principles of morality recognized by law, shall be free from all denominational teachings and open to persons of different religious connections on terms of equality.

5. Register of students. The presidents of state colleges, supported wholly or in part by the State, shall keep a permanent record containing the names of all students entering such ~~schools~~ **colleges** or departments, the dates of entering and leaving, their ages, the courses for which registered and all other information commonly recorded by institutions of higher learning.

Sec. 4. R. S., T. 20, §§ 2301-A - 2301-F, additional. Title 20 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding 6 new sections, 2301-A to 2301-F, to read as follows:

§ 2301-A. Board of trustees of the state colleges

The board of trustees of the state colleges, hereinafter in this Title called the **State College Board**, shall be made up of 10 persons. The **Commissioner of Education** shall serve as a voting member *ex officio*. Nine of the members shall be appointed by the **Governor**, with the advice and consent of the **Executive Council**, for 5-year terms. Originally 2 shall be appointed for 5-year terms, 2 for 4, 2 for 3, 2 for 2 and one for one. Subsequent appointments shall be for full 5-year terms. Any vacancy shall be filled by the **Governor** for the balance of the term. A trustee shall retire from the board upon reaching the age of 70. Trustees shall serve without pay but shall receive their actual traveling and other expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.

§ 2301-B. Meetings

The **State College Board** shall meet immediately after appointment at the call of the commissioner and organize by electing one of their members chairman, one vice-chairman and such other officers as the board deems necessary to perfect its organization. Subsequent meetings of the board shall be held monthly.

§ 2301-C. Bylaws

The **State College Board** shall adopt bylaws for the regulation of its affairs and the conduct of its business.

§ 2301-D. Seal

The **State College Board** shall adopt an official seal and such seal shall be used by the board to authenticate documents or copies of documents as such board may deem advisable.

§ 2301-E. Records and reports

The State College Board shall keep a complete record of the minutes of its meetings and other procedures, and shall report biennially to the Governor, the Legislature and the people of Maine on its plans and accomplishments.

§ 2301-F. Recommendations to Legislature

The State College Board shall recommend to the Governor and Legislature biennial operating and capital budgets for the state colleges and for administration, and shall recommend to the Governor and Legislature such legislation as it shall believe necessary for the efficient conduct of the state colleges.

Sec. 5. R. S., T. 20, § 2302, amended. Section 2302 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 3 of chapter 273 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended to read as follows :

§ 2302. Courses of study

The courses of study at the state colleges shall not exceed 5 years in length with suitable vacations, and, with the terms of admission, shall be arranged by the ~~commissioner~~ **State College Board**. The board may arrange for courses of study for such students as elect to pursue the same.

Sec. 6. R. S., T. 20, § 2303, amended. Section 2303 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 4 of chapter 273 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended to read as follows :

§ 2303. Diplomas and degrees

Any student, who completes a course of study prescribed at institutions of higher education under the control of the State **College** Board and otherwise complies with the regulations of the college shall receive a diploma certifying the same.

The **State College** Board may confer appropriate degrees based upon 2, 4 or 5 years of instruction with such equipment and faculties as will safeguard the integrity of the degrees conferred.

Degrees beyond the bachelor's degree may be granted only by colleges accredited by the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Sec. 7. R. S., T. 20, § 2304, amended. Section 2304 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 5 of chapter 273 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended to read as follows :

§ 2304. Applicants for admission, qualifications; tuition.

Applicants for admission to teacher training courses in the state colleges shall signify their intention to become teachers. The **State College** Board shall charge \$200 for tuition to nonresidents of the State and \$100 for tuition to residents of the State. It may permit not exceeding 10% of the enrollment of residents to pay their tuition charges at such future dates as it may determine.

Sec. 8. R. S., T. 20, § 2305, amended. Section 2305 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 6 of chapter 273 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended to read as follows:

§ 2305. Supervision

~~The Effective July 1, 1968, the state colleges shall be under the direction of the State College Board. Said State College Board shall have charge of the general interests of said colleges; shall see that the affairs thereof are conducted as required by law and by such bylaws as the State College Board adopts; employ teachers and lecturers for the same; and shall have authority, by and with the consent of the Governor and Council, to dispose of and acquire property for the improvement of the plants and grounds; and biennially render to the Governor and Council an accurate account of the receipts and expenditures of the state colleges and the board for the biennium preceding including same as a part of the commissioner's report. The clerical and staff services for this board shall be performed by the employees of the department under the direction of the commissioner. The State College Board shall establish an office and shall employ personnel to perform clerical and staff services for the board. The head of a state college shall be designated as a president. A council of the presidents of the state colleges, with a member of the State College Board's staff, shall be formed for the purpose of insuring regular and close coordination of programs, activities and planning.~~

Sec. 9. R. S., T. 20, § 2306, amended. Section 2306 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 7 of chapter 273 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended to read as follows:

§ 2306. State scholarships

The State College Board shall develop and administer a plan for awarding scholarships to selected students enrolled in the teacher training courses of the state colleges of the State who have evidenced qualifications of general worth and professional promise as potential teachers, and who have demonstrated ability and willingness to support their educational expenses, but who may be in need of partial financial assistance with respect to their education costs. Each scholarship shall not exceed \$300 in any one year. The State College Board may, at its discretion, reduce the amount of any particular award, when such a reduction would better serve the need of any otherwise eligible recipient. Amounts available for such scholarships shall be distributed annually by the board to the 5 state colleges in the following manner:

1. \$1,500 or 5 full scholarships per school. \$1,500, or the equivalent of 5 full scholarships, to each college;

2. Allocation of balance. Allocation of the balance of the scholarship fund to the 5 state colleges in the same proportions as the proportion of each institution's enrollment in teacher training courses bears to the total student teacher training enrollment of the 5 institutions for the fall semester of the current year.

Sec. 10. Student payments and fees dedicated. All tuition and other students' payments and fees, including payments for board and room, except such payments as are reserved for the amortization of the principal and of the interest on

self-amortizing dormitory and dining facilities bonds, at the state colleges shall be credited to the appropriate accounts at the respective state colleges and shall be available for expenditure upon allotment by the Governor and Council as provided in the Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1667.

Sec. 11. Exemption from line category budget control. State colleges shall be exempt from any provisions of law requiring line category budget control.

Sec. 12. Number of personnel. The state colleges are authorized to employ such faculty, administration and staff personnel as the State College Board shall determine to be necessary for satisfactory operation of the state colleges and for which adequate funds are available.

Sec. 13. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$20,450 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1969, to be expended by the State College Board for administrative purposes. The breakdown shall be as follows:

STATE COLLEGE BOARD	1968-69
Personal Services	(2) \$14,650
All Other	3,800
Capital Expenditures	2,000
	\$20,450