

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 611

S. P. 202

In Senate, February 5, 1969

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

JERROLD B. SPEERS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Stuart of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Administration of School Lunch Programs.

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

R. S., T. 20, § 1054, amended. Section 1054 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 10-C of chapter 425 of the public laws of 1967, is further amended to read as follows:

§ 1054. Treasurer of State as custodian

The Treasurer of State is designated custodian of all moneys received by the State from the Federal Government for establishment, maintenance, operation and expansion of food service programs and he shall receive and provide for the proper custody of such moneys and disburse such ~~money~~ **moneys** on requisition of the commissioner to school committees and boards of directors of public schools and to administrative officers of service institutions as defined in Public Law 90-302.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

In May, 1968, Congress passed Public Law 90-302, an amendment to the National School Lunch Act, to assist states through grants-in-aid and other means, to initiate, maintain or expand non-profit food service programs for children in service institutions.

The law defines "service institutions" as "private, non-profit institutions or public institutions, such as child care centers, settlement houses, or recrea-

tion centers, which provide day care, or other child care where children are not maintained in residence, for children from areas in which poor economic conditions exist and from areas in which there are high concentrations of working mothers, and includes public or private non-profit institutions providing day care services for handicapped children.”

The Attorney-General’s office has ruled that “without legislative acceptance of the provisions and benefits of the 1968 amendment, the Department of Education is without authority to administer the program . . .” For many years the United States Department of Agriculture has also urged the Department to assume responsibility for the supervision of the private and parochial school food service programs.

The purpose of this amendment is to permit the Department to assume responsibility for federally-sponsored food service programs for children in “service institutions” and at the same time to maintain the present status as regards private and parochial school food service programs.