

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 863

S. P. 259

In Senate, February 19, 1969

Referred to Committee on Education. Sent down for concurrence and 1,000 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 Loans for Maine Students of Dental Hygiene.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 20, §§ 2357-A - 2357-F, additional. Title 20 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding 6 new sections to be numbered 2357-A to 2357-F, to read as follows:

§ 2357-A. Purpose

The purpose of sections 2357-A to 2357-F is to authorize the State Board of Education to establish a student loan program for dental hygienists.

§ 2357-B. Loan program established

The State Board of Education is authorized to develop and administer a plan for making loans to selected students enrolled in an accredited program for training of dental hygienists. Loans shall be made to students who show evidence of the possession of such qualifications as are necessary to complete the course and become competent as dental hygienists and who demonstrate the ability and willingness to support the expenses of training although they may be in need of partial financial assistance.

§ 2357-C. Loan fund

There is established a Dental Hygienist Student Loan Fund which shall be used by the State Board of Education as a nonlapsing revolving fund for carrying out the purposes of sections 2357-A to 2357-F. To this fund shall be charged any and all expenses of the State Board of Education in connection with the administration of sections 2357-A to 2357-F, including any loan de-

faults, and to this sum shall be credited all amounts received by the State Board of Education under sections 2357-A to 2357-F.

Moneys in the fund shall be deposited with the Treasurer of State and loaned upon certification of the Commissioner of Education.

§ 2357-D. Loan provisions

No loan to any student shall exceed \$1,500 per year. Graduates of an accredited program may have a loan cancelled at the rate of \$500 per year for acceptable service in the State of Maine and any loans shall be cancelled in full upon presentation of evidence of 5 years of satisfactory practice in Maine.

Repayments shall be due the first day of the 6th month after a student leaves school. No interest shall be charged while a student is attending school but shall be charged on any unpaid balance after the loan becomes due. No notes under this plan shall bear more than 6% simple interest.

§ 2357-E. Powers and duties

In the performance of the powers, functions and duties imposed upon them by sections 2357-A to 2357-F, the State Board of Education may make and enforce such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of sections 2357-A to 2357-F.

§ 2357-F. Loans to minors

Notwithstanding the provisions of any applicable law, if the borrower, under the program established pursuant to sections 2357-A to 2357-F is a minor, any otherwise valid note or other written agreement executed by him for the purpose of such loan shall create a binding obligation.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. For the establishment of the Dental Hygienist Student Loan Fund there is appropriated from the General Fund to the State Board of Education the sum of \$22,500 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1971.

The breakdown shall be as follows :

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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION	
All Other	\$22,500