

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 129**

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S. P. 64

In Senate, January 12, 1971

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Hoffses of Knox.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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**RESOLVE Providing Funds for Conservation Education.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, the usual effective date for legislative Acts comes in the summer months; and

Whereas, funds for the conservation education program were authorized by the 104th Legislature for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1970 and June 30, 1971; and

Whereas, funds will be needed on and after July 1, 1971, to provide continuity in this program; and

Whereas, in the judgement 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

**Conservation education; additional appropriation.**

Resolved: That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game be authorized to spend its funds to further training in conservation education for teachers and children up to \$5,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1972 and up to \$5,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1973. Such moneys may be expended for purposes designated by the Conservation Education Foundation.

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

## STATEMENT OF FACT

Maine's Conservation School at Bryant Pond is a cooperative program involving state and federal natural resource agencies, the Maine University System, the Department of Education and the Conservation Education Foundation of Maine. These organizations have worked together since 1957 in order to provide a program in conservation education for both teachers and young people in the State of Maine.

The curriculum covers a wide range of conservation, Environmental, and outdoor education subjects extending from hunting safety to ecology. The teaching staff is drawn from those agencies where expertise is located, as well as from the University system.

The Department of Inland Fisheries and Game has, since the inception of the program, provided the services of its Supervisor, Conservation Education, as the administrator of the Conservation School. In addition, the department has, through legislative action, contributed \$5,000 per year to the programs.

The income for the operation of Maine's Conservation School is primarily through receipt of student fees. However, in order to make the program available to a wider group, fees are kept to a minimum through the assistance of the \$5,000 appropriation.

Maine's Conservation School is an important part of the overall effort to produce citizens who are capable of making wise choices in matters which effect the environment of Maine and the nation. In the future, the program can be expected to assume an even greater role in teacher education, both inservice and preservice. Without the continued support of the Legislature, the Conservation School will be unable to carry on its vital program.