

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 218

H. P. 176

House of Representatives, January 17, 1973

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

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Silverman of Calais.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT to Authorize Satellite Centers for Vocational Education.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 20, § 2356-A, sub-§ 1, amended. Subsection 1 of section 2356-A of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 3 of chapter 440 of the public laws of 1965, is amended to read as follows:

1. **Regional center.** It shall be a regional center for vocational or technical education and may include satellite centers.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 20, § 2356-A, sub-§ 4, additional. Section 2356-A of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 3 of chapter 440 of the public laws of 1965 and as amended, is further amended by adding a new subsection 4, to read as follows:

4. **Satellite centers.** The State Board of Education may approve satellite vocational programs as a part of a regional technical-vocational center already in operation when the regional technical-vocational center makes such a request and supplies detailed information fully justifying the need for a vocational education program in a satellite center. All requests made by local school committees or boards of directors for satellite vocational education programs shall be forwarded to the State Board of Education with the recommendation of the school committee or board of directors operating a regional technical-vocational center and the commissioner. The local school committee or board of directors responsible for operating the satellite vocational education program shall assume full financial responsibility for paying the operating costs of the satellite program and shall receive state subsidy for the program and tuition income from administrative

units using that particular satellite program. There shall be an advisory committee responsible for coordinating vocational education in any vocational education center operating as of 1972. Membership on the advisory committee shall consist of the superintendent of schools of the participating high schools or his representative and one board member chosen from each school committee or board of directors by its membership. The advisory committee shall meet on a quarterly basis. This committee will be responsible for preparing and submitting an annual report on the regional or satellite centers, or both, to the State Board of Education and each town served by the satellite center. The school committee or board of directors, where the satellite vocational education program is operated, shall furnish the necessary facilities and equipment and shall be eligible for school construction aid for the vocational education space where the satellite vocational education program is located, if new facilities are required and are approved.

Personnel to operate the satellite vocational education program shall be nominated by the superintendent of schools operating the satellite vocational education program, in consultation with the director of the regional technical-vocational center and shall be approved by the school committee or board of directors where the program is located. Personnel working in satellite vocational education programs shall be supervised by the director of the regional technical-vocational center, who shall make recommendations to the local superintendent of schools.

The State Board of Education shall approve satellite centers in conjunction with existing regional technical-vocational centers as funds become available.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would authorize the State Board of Education to designate satellite centers as a part of regional technical-vocational centers and would enable units to offer expanded vocational programs by using existing school facilities.