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No. 2216

H. P. 1757

House of Representatives, January 2, 1974

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

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Rolde of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FOUR

AN ACT to Authorize Satellite Centers for Vocational Education.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, there is an urgent need for vocational training in certain areas of the State; and

Whereas, the concept of satellite centers will conserve the resources of the local and state governments; and

Whereas, existing school facilities could be more adequately used; and

Whereas, in the judgment 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 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.

Sec. 3. Appropriation. There shall be appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Educational and Cultural Services the sum of \$377,500 for satellite vocational programs already requested and deemed by the State Board of Education to be in accordance with the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

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EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT OF

Satellite Vocational Programs

\$377,500

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

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.