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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 122

H. P. 98

House of Representatives, January 20, 1977

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Lynch of Livermore Falls.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT to Clarify Vocational Education Reimbursement in Vocational
Centers and Vocational Regions.**

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

Whereas, the change in the definition of subsidizable items for vocational education as enacted by PL 1975, c. 660, is causing confusion and hardship; and

Whereas, the change did not accomplish any particular benefit to local units or the State; and

Whereas, a simple definition would make the program more understandable for the people; 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. 20 MRSA § 1292-A is enacted to read:

§ 1292-A. Tuition payments for students in vocational education programs

Schools receiving tuition students, who are enrolled in regular school day vocational education programs, as defined in section 2356-A, subsection 3, at vocational centers, satellites or vocational regions, may charge a tuition rate not to exceed $\frac{2}{3}$ of the legal tuition rate as computed under section 1292.

Sec. 2. 20 MRSA § 2356-G, sub-§ 8, last sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 513, § 10, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 20 MRSA § 2356-J is enacted to read:

§ 2356-J. Tuition payments for students in vocational education programs

Schools receiving tuition students, who are enrolled in regular school day vocational education programs, as defined in section 2356-A, subsection 3, at vocational centers, satellites or vocational regions, may charge a tuition rate not to exceed $\frac{2}{3}$ of the legal tuition rate as computed under section 1292.

Sec. 4. 20 MRSA § 3743, sub-§ 9, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 746, § 24-B, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

9. Vocational education costs. Vocational education costs for subsidy purposes shall include all costs incurred by the vocational regions, centers or satellites, in providing approved vocational education programs as defined by section 2356-A, subsection 3.

Sec. 5. 20 MRSA § 3743, sub-§ 1, ¶ C, sub-¶ (2), as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 746, § 24-I, is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraphs:

Vocational regions shall be declared to be administrative units entitled to receive state aid. All subsidies earned by vocational regions, vocational centers or satellites shall be paid directly to the administrative unit which operates the vocational region, center or satellite.

Expenditures for the first 6 months and expenditure estimates for the next 6 months as submitted by vocational regions, or member units of those regions, shall be used in computing transportation reimbursements to the regions for the fiscal year 1978 and thereafter, notwithstanding any other section of this Title. The commissioner is authorized to obtain expenditures and estimates and to make the necessary adjustments in vocational education cost estimates in accordance with the definition of vocational education costs for subsidy purposes.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved, but shall not affect subsidy distributions until July 1, 1977.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to simplify vocational education reimbursement to make the program more understandable so that appropriate fiscal priorities may be established locally.