

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 285

H. P. 221

House of Representatives, February 9, 1977

Referred to Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and 1,800 ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Birt of East Millinocket.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT to Increase Flexibility in the Funding and Operation
of the Vocational-Technical Institutes.**

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

Sec. 1. 20 MRSA §§ 2363 - 2365 are enacted to read:

§ 2363. Maine Vocational-Technical Institute Fund

1. Definition. All vocational-technical institute tuition revenue which, in any given year, exceeds the Governor's budget estimates for that year and all donations or monetary gifts offered to the vocational-technical institutes shall be credited by the Treasurer of State to a special, nonlapsing Maine Vocational-Technical Institute Fund.

2. Allocation of fund. The commissioner, upon application by a vocational-technical institute, may authorize that institute, in addition to the funds appropriated by the Legislature:

A. To expend up to the amount of money in the Maine Vocational-Technical Institute Fund which was generated by that institute;

B. To expend money in excess of the amount generated by that institute in accordance with rules and regulations developed by the commissioner and approved by the state board; and

C. To expend public or private donations, or gifts, specifically donated, or given, to the institute to fund an identified project in accordance with the plan for the project as submitted by the institute to the Governor and as approved by the Governor.

3. School of practical nursing. The vocational-technical institute shall include the school of practical nursing in Waterville for purposes of this section.

§ 2364. Personal services budget for vocational-technical institutes

The department shall include within its vocational-technical budget request a single personal services request for the funding of the faculty and administrative positions at the vocational-technical institutes and the school of practical nursing in Waterville.

§ 2365. Allocation of faculty and administrative positions at the vocational-technical institutes; unclassified status

The department, consistent with legislative authorization and with the approval of the State Budget Officer, may allocate the faculty and administrative positions, as identified pursuant to section 2364, between the several vocational-technical institutes and the school of practical nursing in Waterville.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Maine Vocational-Technical Institute Fund the sum of \$100,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1978.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides for an increase in the flexibility in the funding and operation of the state's vocational-technical institutes to better respond to training needs. The amount of \$100,000 is provided to start up the fund.