

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

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**AN ACT Providing for the Career Development Needs of Maine Citizens through the Establishment of a Career Education Consultant within the Department of Educational and Cultural Services.**

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

Sec. 1. 20 MRSA c. 310 is enacted to read:

**CHAPTER 310**

**CAREER EDUCATION**

§ 2411. Short title

This chapter may be cited as "The Career Education Act of 1979."

§ 2412. Findings and declaration of purpose

1. Preparation for career consistent with abilities and goals. The Legislature finds that a major purpose of education is to prepare each individual for a career consistent with that individual's abilities and goals.

2. Relating education to career aspirations. The Legislature further finds that career education holds the promise of improving the quality of education and opening career opportunities for all students by relating education to their career aspirations.

3. Career education as an integral part of educational process. It is the intent of the Legislature that career education should become an integral part of the educational process and that all educational agencies, including elementary and secondary schools, post-secondary educational institutions, adult education programs and employment and training programs should make every effort to carry out this intent.

#### § 2413. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context indicates otherwise, the following terms shall have the following meanings.

1. Career education consultant. "Career education consultant" means the consultant in the Division of Curriculum who serves as the state coordinator.
2. Commissioner. "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services.
3. Incentive Act. "Incentive Act" means the Federal Career Education Incentive Act of 1977, PL 95-207, December 13, 1977.

#### § 2414. Career education; established; consultant

1. Establishment. A career education consultant is established within the department.
2. Career education consultant. Career education shall be administered by a career education consultant appointed in accordance with the Personnel Law. The consultant shall be an individual who has experience and training in state level career education concepts, practices and planning.

#### § 2415. Powers and duties

The career education consultant shall:

1. Implement and infuse career education. Implement and infuse career education in all bureaus and divisions of the department and ensure compliance with the Incentive Act;
2. Coordination system. Plan, establish and maintain a system for coordinating career programs in all public and private educational and training institutions;
3. Funds. Seek funds from a variety of sources to support the development of comprehensive career education throughout the State;
4. State plan. Develop a state plan annually which shall be based upon the 1978-83 state plan for career education.

The state plan shall include:

- A. Information on the relationship between the goals and objectives of the state plan and the needs assessment information developed;

- B. A procedure for providing information to the general public on career education and the provisions of this Act;**
  - C. A procedure for providing information and assistance on career education and on the provisions of this Act;**
  - D. A procedure for coordinating the activities provided in the state career education plan with other programs and activities at all levels of education with goals and objectives similar to, or the same as, the goals and objectives of career education; and**
  - E. A procedure for evaluating annually the extent to which the goals and objectives of the state plan have been met;**
- 5. Grants and contracts. Make grants to and contracts with any administrative unit, educational institution or organization to support and evaluate career education programs in kindergarten through grade 12;**
  - 6. Councils. Establish the Maine Advisory Council on Career Education of 15 members with 3-year terms, 5 appointed each year. The member broadly representative of the fields of education, guidance and counseling, community service, labor, business and industry and the general public;**
  - 7. Records and research. Maintain records and engage in research, including the gathering of statistical information relating to career education in the State;**
  - 8. Training. Conduct inservice institutes for educational personnel and training for local career education coordinators;**
  - 9. Materials. Collect, evaluate and distribute career education materials throughout the State with special emphasis on materials relating to overcoming sex biases and stereotyping;**
  - 10. Needs assessment. Conduct statewide needs assessment and program evaluation;**
  - 11. Conferences. Conduct statewide career education leadership conferences;**
  - 12. Cooperation with other agencies. Engage in cooperative efforts with the Maine Occupational Information Coordinating Committee and other public and private agencies to encourage career education;**
  - 13. Curriculum. Promote the adaptation of teacher, counselor and administrator training curricula to the concepts of career education;**
  - 14. Payments. Make payments to administrative units to support the development and implementation of a comprehensive plan for kindergarten through grade 12 career education. This plan should emphasize career awareness in kindergarten through grade 6, career exploration in grades 7 to 9 and career decision making in grades 10 to 12; and**

15. **Guidance centers.** Establish comprehensive career guidance centers within existing institutes in collaboration with the Maine Occupational Information Coordinating Committee and Guidance Office of the Department of Education and Cultural Services.

**Sec. 2. Appropriation.** The following funds shall be appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1979-80	1980-81
EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
Career Education		
Positions	(2)	(2)
Personal Services	\$20,000	\$21,750
All Other	5,000	5,000
Total	\$25,000	\$26,750

These funds include salaries for a consultant and part-time secretary.

**Sec. 3. Effective date.** This Act shall remain in effect until July 1, 1983.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this new draft is to provide leadership and support to local units in establishing career education in the curriculum.