

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 2033**

H. P. 2027

House of Representatives, March 24, 1980

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk of the House

Presented by Mr. Pearson of Old Town.

Cosponsor: Mr. Morton of Farmington

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY

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**AN ACT to Provide Compensation and Benefits Agreed to by the State and the Maine Teachers' Association for Employees in the Bargaining Unit of Instructors at the Vocational-technical Institutes.**

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

Whereas, the 90-day period may not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

Whereas, certain obligations and expenses incident to the operation of state collective-bargaining agreements will become due and payable immediately; 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. Appropriation.** There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$289,752 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1981 to implement the economic

terms agreed to by the State and the Maine Teachers' Association for the bargaining unit of the instructors at the vocational-technical institutes.

**Sec. 2. Funding.** The funding provided by this Act shall include retirement costs and shall be available for all employees covered by the agreement between the State and the Maine Teachers' Association, except that employees supported from sources of funding other than the General Fund shall be adjusted whenever possible from those sources.

**Sec. 3. Special account.** The account funding provided shall be segregated in a special account to be made available as needed upon recommendation of the State Budget Officer with the approval of the Governor.

**Sec. 4. Carrying clause.** Any balances remaining from previous salary accounts and any balance remaining from salary accounts established by the Act shall not lapse, but shall carry forward to June 30, 1982.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect July 1, 1980.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This unit consists of 270 instructors and department chairmen at the 6 vocational-technical institutes.

The agreement provides for the establishment of a salary schedule, placement of instructors on the appropriate level and step of such schedule and salary adjustments during the term of the agreement. The agreement increases personal service costs by approximately 7.9% this year consisting of 1.6% to place employees on the new schedule and 6.3% in general salary increases.