

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Office of the Clerk of the House

Submitted by the Department of Educational and Cultural Services
pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Ms. Benoit of South Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

**AN ACT to Amend the Operation Provisions of the Maine State Museum to Permit
the Award of Stipend Support for Students Engaged in Nongeneral Fund
Supported Archaeological and Conservation Projects.**

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

27 MRSA § 85, Operational Provisions, sub-§ 8 is enacted to read:

8. Educational stipends. To provide educational field school opportunities in concert with archaeological and conservation projects by providing educational stipends from funds secured from nongeneral fund sources.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The Maine State Museum commonly conducts several field archaeological research projects each summer. These projects are supported by numerous federal agencies and private foundations. Staffing of these projects is provided by students in anthropology, employed on a short-term, several weeks, basis. These projects are expected to provide educational advancement and occasionally course credits, in addition to modest stipend support.

The museum also serves as a training site for students completing their advanced training in the conservation of historic and artistic works, for which an educational stipend is required.

The present organization of state government personnel rules does not correspond or properly reflect the intent of these work-study experiences. The purpose of this legislation is to provide a mechanism whereby the State can administer federally and privately-funded archaeological and conservation projects on the terms by which these projects are commonly funded.