

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 (Governor's Bill)  
2 (EMERGENCY)  
3 SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
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5 ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE  
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7 **Legislative Document**

**No. 2023**

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10 H. P. 2084 House of Representatives, February 24, 1982  
Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial  
Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Pearson of Old Town.

Cosponsor: Representative C.W. Smith of Mars Hill.

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12 **STATE OF MAINE**  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO  
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17 **AN ACT to Fund and Implement Collective**  
18 **Bargaining Agreements Relating to**  
19 **Vocational-Technical Institute Employees.**  
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21 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature  
22 do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment  
23 unless enacted as emergencies; and

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

26 Whereas, certain obligations and expenses incident to  
27 the operation of state collective bargaining agreements will  
28 become due and payable immediately; and

29 Whereas, it is the responsibility of the Legislature to  
30 act upon those portions of tentative collective bargaining  
31 agreements negotiated by the State Board of Education which  
32 require legislative action; and

1           Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these  
2 facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Consti-  
3 tution of Maine and require the following legislation as  
4 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public  
5 peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

7           **Sec. 1. Appropriation for the Vocational-Technical**  
8 **Institute Administrative Bargaining Unit.** There is appro-  
9 priated from the General Fund to a special compensation ac-  
10 count the sum of \$26,500 for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
11 1982, and \$66,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1983,  
12 to implement the economic terms agreed to by the State Board  
13 of Education and the Vocational-Technical Institute Adminis-  
14 trative Bargaining Unit.

15           **Sec. 2. Appropriation for the Vocational-Technical**  
16 **Institute Faculty Bargaining Unit.** There is appropriated  
17 from the General Fund to a special compensation account the  
18 sum of \$237,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1982,  
19 and \$636,500 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1983, to  
20 implement the economic terms agreed to by the State Board of  
21 Education and the Vocational-Technical Institute Faculty  
22 Bargaining Unit.

23           **Sec. 3. Special accounts; funding.** The funding pro-  
24 vided shall be segregated into special accounts to be made  
25 available as needed upon the recommendation of the State  
26 Budget Officer with the approval of the Governor. Positions  
27 supported from sources of funding other than the General  
28 Fund shall be funded whenever possible from those other  
29 sources.

30           **Sec. 4. Adjustment of salary schedule of bargaining**  
31 **units.** The current salary schedule for classifications in  
32 the Vocational-Technical Institutes' Administrative and Fac-  
33 ulty Bargaining Units shall be adjusted retroactively to the  
34 start of the pay week closest to the date of individual  
35 employee contracts to reflect the provisions of the nego-  
36 tiated contracts.

37           **Sec. 5. New employees, similar and equitable treat-**  
38 **ment.** Employees in classifications which are included in  
39 the Vocational-Technical Institutes' Administrative and Fac-  
40 ulty Bargaining Units but who are excluded from collective  
41 bargaining pursuant to the Revised Statutes, Title 26,  
42 section 1022, subsection 11, paragraph D, shall be given  
43 similar and equitable treatment to employees covered by the  
44 relevant contracts.

1       **Sec. 6. Carrying clause.** Any balances remaining from  
 2 previous salary accounts and special accounts established by  
 3 this Act shall not lapse, but shall be carried forward to  
 4 June 30, 1983, to be expended for state employees' salary  
 5 increases and contract administration.

6       **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in  
 7 the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

8                                   FISCAL NOTE

9       1. Vocational-Technical Institute  
 10       (Administrative Bargaining Unit)

11	General Fund Appropriation	<u>1981-82</u>	<u>1982-83</u>
12	Salary Increase, 1981	\$25,389	\$25,389
13	Health Insurance Payment, 1981	956	956
14	Salary Increase, July 1, 1982		34,383
15	Health Insurance, July 1, 1982		3,451
16	Dental Insurance, July 1, 1982		1,950
17		<u>\$26,345</u>	<u>\$66,129</u>

18       2. Vocational-Technical Institute (Faculty Unit)

19	General Fund Appropriation	<u>1981-82</u>	<u>1982-83</u>
20	Salary Increase, 1981	\$220,442	\$220,442
21	Health Insurance Payment, 1981	16,629	16,629
22	Salary Increase, July 1, 1982		318,149
23	Health Insurance, July 1, 1982		60,055
24	Dental Insurance, July 1, 1982		21,329
25		<u>\$237,071</u>	<u>\$636,604</u>

26       July 1, 1981 and 1982 increases for  
 27 vocational-technical institutes cover salary increases,  
 28 including retirement.

29                                   STATEMENT OF FACT

30       This bill provides funding and implementation for the  
 31 biennium of the cost items in the collective bargaining  
 32 agreements reached between the Board of Education and the  
 33 Vocational-Technical Institutes' Administrative and Faculty  
 34 Bargaining Units.

35       Sections 1 and 2 provide appropriations to fund the  
 36 bargaining agreements.

1 Section 3 provides authorizing language for the  
2 approval and use of the funds.

3 Section 4 provides for the adjustment of salary sched-  
4 ules for bargaining unit members.

5 Section 5 provides for equitable treatment of proba-  
6 tionary employees in classifications in bargaining units ad-  
7 dressed by this Act.

8 Section 6 provides that funds shall be carried forward.

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