

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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8 Referred to the Committee on Aging, Retirement and Veterans. Sent  
9 down for concurrence and ordered printed.

10 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

11 Presented by Senator Collins of Knox.

12 STATE OF MAINE  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE  
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17 AN ACT Relating to a Public Service  
18 Cadet Corps.  
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
21 follows:

22 37-A MRSA c. 30 is enacted to read:

23 CHAPTER 30

24 PUBLIC SERVICE CADET CORPS

25 §1431. Purpose

26 The youth of Maine are very important to the wel-  
27 fare and future of the State. It is essential to pro-  
28 motte the ideals of public service and duty among the  
29 youth of this State. It is also essential to encour-  
30 age Maine youth to pursue the acquisition of knowl-  
31 edge and skills that are significant in being good

1 citizens of this State. The creation of an organiza-  
2 tion to achieve the purpose set forth in this chapter  
3 will make a significant contribution to the State.

4 §1432. Definitions

5 As used in this chapter, unless the context indi-  
6 cates otherwise, the following terms have the follow-  
7 ing meanings.

8 1. Board. "Board" means the Advisory Board of the  
9 Office of Public Service Cadet Corps.

10 2. Commander. "Commander" means the Director of  
11 the Public Service Cadet Corps within the Department  
12 of Defense and Veterans' Services.

13 3. Company. "Company" means the local unit member  
14 organization of the Public Service Cadets Corps.

15 4. Corps. "Corps" means the Public Service Cadet  
16 Corps.

17 5. Department. "Department" means the Department  
18 of Defense and Veterans' Services.

19 6. Office. "Office" means the Office of the  
20 Public Service Cadets Corps within the Department of  
21 Defense and Veterans' Services.

22 7. Youth. "Youth" means young men and women  
23 between the ages of 13 and 18 years.

24 §1433. Office of Public Service Cadet Corps

25 There is established an Office of Public Service  
26 Cadet Corps within the Department of Defense and Vet-  
27 erans' Services. The director of the office shall be  
28 appointed by the Adjutant General. The director shall  
29 be accorded the honorary title of "commander" and  
30 shall serve on a voluntary basis without compensa-  
31 tion.

32 1. Surplus supplies and equipment. The office  
33 shall have access to any surplus supplies and equip-  
34 ment that are available to the department and which,  
35 in the opinion of the Adjutant General, will not cre-  
36 ate a hardship for the department.

1     §1434. Duties of the commander

2             The commander shall have the following duties:

3             1. Local units. Promote the development and help  
4             organize local public service cadet corps units  
5             throughout the State;

6             2. Appoint local commanders. Appoint commanders  
7             of local units or companies;

8             3. Curriculum and training program. Implement a  
9             curriculum and training program;

10            4. Assistance to local units. Assist local units  
11            with respect to meeting locations, training, public  
12            service activities and any other activities deemed  
13            necessary by the commander to maintain an active and  
14            popularly supported unit; and

15            5. Policies and procedures. Implement the poli-  
16            cies and procedures established by the Advisory Board  
17            of the Office of Public Service Cadet Corps.

18     §1435. Advisory Board of the Office of Public Service  
19             Cadet Corps

20            The Advisory Board of the Office of Public Ser-  
21            vice Cadet Corps, composed of the Adjutant General,  
22            the commander and 3 public members appointed by the  
23            Adjutant General, shall determine policy for the  
24            corps. The 3 public members shall be appointed for  
25            3-year terms, except that the initial terms of  
26            appointment shall be one year for the first appointed  
27            member, 2 years for the 2nd appointed member and 3  
28            years for the 3rd appointed member. The board shall  
29            serve without compensation and travel expenses.

30            1. Public members. The public members appointed  
31            to the advisory board shall be representative of  
32            Maine youth organizations in the State, experienced  
33            in developing and implementing youth activities and  
34            demonstrate high moral conduct.

35            2. Conduct of business. Three members of the  
36            advisory board shall constitute a quorum to conduct  
37            business. A majority shall be required to approve all  
38            policy matters.

1           3. Policy guidelines. In establishing policy and  
2 procedure for the corps, the advisory board shall  
3 base policies and procedures on public service and  
4 duty.

5           4. Curriculum. The advisory board shall develop a  
6 curriculum and training program to be implemented by  
7 the commander. The curriculum and training program  
8 shall include, among other subjects, the following:

9           A. Communications equipment skills;

10          B. Aviation;

11          C. Vehicle operation and maintenance skills;

12          D. Boating and swimming;

13          E. Survival skills;

14          F. First aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation  
15 skills;

16          G. Fire-fighting skills;

17          H. Firearms;

18          I. Public speaking; and

19          J. Moral integrity.

20          5. Testing and membership. The advisory board  
21 shall establish any tests or examinations that may be  
22 administered for the purpose of advancement or dis-  
23 missal of youth members. The board shall also develop  
24 a procedure for any form of disciplinary action  
25 necessary to maintain decorum and the integrity of  
26 the corps.

27          §1436. Local units

28          Each local unit established throughout the State  
29 shall be open to membership to youth between the ages  
30 of 13 years and 18 years. The local unit shall be  
31 referred to as a company.



1           The director of the corps is authorized to select  
2 unpaid volunteers to serve as local company command-  
3 ers. Local company commanders will instruct youth  
4 members in a number of subject areas, including com-  
5 munications' equipment, aviation, vehicles, boating,  
6 swimming, survival skills, first aid and  
7 cardiopulmonary resuscitation, fire-fighting skills,  
8 firearms, public speaking and moral integrity. The  
9 local company commanders will be supported by the  
10 commander of the corps who will help develop a cur-  
11 riculum and training schedule to be implemented by  
12 the local commanders.

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