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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 704

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND ELEVEN.

AN ACT for the Encouragement of Industrial Education.

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

Section 1. The state superintendent of public schools shall
2 be charged with the duty of extending the investigation of
3 methods of industrial education, he shall advise and aid in
4 the introduction of industrial courses into free high schools
5 and academies aided by the state and shall report on all
6 special schools in which industrial education is carried on.
7 It shall be his duty to inspect the courses of study offered
8 in such free high schools and academies and he shall have
9 authority to approve such courses in all schools aided by the
10 state.

Sect. 2. The trustees of the state normal schools shall

2 cause to be introduced into all of the said normal schools
3 such courses in manual arts, domestic science and agricul-
4 ture as will enable their graduates to teach elementary
5 courses in those subjects in the rural and grade schools. In
6 not more than one of said schools the course in manual
7 training shall be so extended as to offer opportunity to per-
8 sons desiring to qualify as special teachers of that branch,
9 and in not more than one the course in domestic science
10 shall be so extended as to offer similar opportunity to per-
11 sons desiring to qualify as special teachers thereof. For the
12 two special courses thus offered the trustees are authorized
13 to expend annually not to exceed four thousand dollars,
14 which shall be additional to other sums appropriated for the
15 support of said normal schools and which the treasurer of
16 state shall deduct from any funds raised for the support of
17 common schools.

Sect. 3. Whenever the superintendent of schools of any
2 town shall certify under oath to the state superintendent of
3 public school, according to form prescribed by the state
4 superintendent, that instruction in manual training or domes-
5 tic science has been provided pupils of elementary schools
6 for the year preceding, then upon approval of such certifi-
7 cate of the state superintendent of schools state aid shall be
8 paid to the amount of two-thirds the total salary paid each
9 teacher, provided that the amount so paid by the state for
10 the employment of any one instructor shall not exceed eight
11 hundred dollars in one year and provided further that the

12 appropriation made by the town for this purpose shall be
13 exclusive of any other sum received from the state for the
14 support of common schools and of the minimum requirement
15 raised by the town as prescribed by section thirteen of chap-
16 ter fifteen of the Revised Statutes as amended, and provided
17 further that the course of study, equipment and qualifications
18 of instructors shall have been approved by the state super-
19 intendent of public schools.

Sect. 4. The superintending school committee having
2 charge of any free high school or the trustees of any incor-
3 porated academy may provide for instruction therein in the
4 principles of agriculture and the domestic and mechanic arts.
5 Whenever it shall be made to appear to the governor and
6 council, from returns made as herein provided, that in any
7 free high school or academy instruction has been furnished
8 during the preceding year in the principles of agriculture,
9 the mechanic arts or domestic science and said governor
10 and council shall direct the treasurer of state to pay to the
11 town supporting such free high school or to the treasurer of
12 such academy in addition to other state aid if any, a sum
13 equal to two-thirds the total expenditure for instruction in
14 each of said courses, provided, however, that no school shall
15 receive a total in excess of five hundred dollars in any one
16 year for the support of said courses, and provided that state
17 aid shall not be allowed for any course which has an average
18 attendance of less than twelve students and provided further
19 that such aid shall not be granted unless the course of study,

20 equipment and qualifications of instructors shall first have
21 been approved by the state superintendent of public schools.

Sect. 5. Chapter one hundred and two of the Public Laws
2 of nineteen hundred and nine is hereby repealed.

Sect. 6. Whenever the superintending school committee
2 of any town shall have maintained during the school year
3 an evening school as provided by section twenty-two of the
4 Revised Statutes said town shall be reimbursed by the state
5 a sum equal to two-thirds the amount paid for instruction in
6 such evening school provided there shall have been offered,
7 in addition to the subjects elsewhere prescribed for evening
8 schools, courses in free hand or mechanical drawing, domes-
9 tic science or manual training or the elements of the trades.

Sect. 7. The superintending school committee of any town
2 when authorized by vote of the town shall establish and
3 maintain as a part of the public school system of such town
4 a general industrial school for the teaching of agriculture,
5 household science, the mechanic arts and the trades. Such
6 general industrial schools shall be open to pupils who have
7 completed the elementary school course or who have attained
8 the age of fifteen years. The authority and duties of the
9 superintending school committee and of the superintendent
10 of schools in relation to such industrial schools shall be the
11 same as in the case of the common and high schools, but the
12 support of such schools shall be derived from funds raised
13 in addition to any sums appropriated for the support of com-
14 mon and high schools. Whenever it shall be made to appear

15 to the governor and council that any town has provided in-
16 struction in the trades and industries in a general industrial
17 school maintained therein for a period of thirty-six weeks
18 during the school year, and employing at least one teacher
19 whose work is devoted exclusively to such instruction and
20 having an average attendance of at least twenty pupils the
21 governor and council shall direct the treasurer of state to
22 pay to the treasurer of such town a sum equal to two-thirds
23 the total amount spent for instruction in said school provided
24 that not more than two thousand dollars shall be paid by the
25 state to any one town in any year.

Sect. 8. For the purposes of this act there shall be de-
2 ducted annually by the treasurer of state from the school
3 and mill fund the sum of fifty thousand dollars and any of
4 this amount so deducted that is not apportioned during the
5 financial year shall at its close be added to the permanent
6 school fund. All reports required under this act shall be
7 filed annually with the state superintendent of public schools
8 on or before the first day of July and state aid shall be pay-
9 able during the month of December next succeeding.