

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 305

In Senate, March 13, 1917.

Referred to Committee on Education and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

Presented by Mr. Walker of Somerset.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN

AN ACT to Extend the Facilities for Training Teachers for
Common Schools through Training Courses in High Schools
and Academies.

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

Section 1. The state superintendent of public schools shall
2 be authorized to designate certain high schools and academies
3 in which training courses for teachers of common schools
4 may be offered. These schools shall be selected with refer-
5 ence to their fitness by location and character to serve the
6 purposes for which the course is offered, and with reference

7 to their facilities for undertaking such a course. The super-
8 intending school committee having charge of any high school
9 so designated, or the trustees of any academy so designated
10 may after July 1, 1918, establish such course. The state su-
11 perintendent of public schools shall have authority to revoke
12 such designations and to select additional schools, in accord-
13 ance with the provisions of this act, as the needs of the com-
14 mon schools may require, provided, however, that the num-
15 ber of schools in which such courses are maintained shall
16 not exceed twenty for any year.

Sect. 2. The state superintendent of public schools shall
2 prescribe the conditions of admission to courses and all
3 regulations for their administration. He shall have author-
4 ity to inspect and otherwise satisfy himself that such regula-
5 tions are being complied with. He is further authorized to
6 approve such courses and to certify for the payment of state
7 aid in accordance with the provisions of this act.

Sect. 3. When the superintending school committee in
2 charge of any high school or the trustees of any academy
3 shall certify upon forms prescribed by the state superintend-
4 ent of public schools that a course has been maintained in
5 said high school or academy as provided for by this act, then
6 upon the approval of said certificate by the state superintend-
7 ent of public schools aid shall be paid by the state in the
8 amounts and under the conditions hereinafter named; in the
9 case of any school maintaining a course which is completed
10 wherein the period covered by the standard four years

11 secondary school course, state aid to the amount of five hun-
12 dred dollars annually shall be paid; and in the case of any
13 school maintaining a course which in addition to the period
14 covered by the four years secondary school course shall pro-
15 vide for an extension of the course to a fifth, or post-grad-
16 uate year state aid shall be paid to the amount of seven hun-
17 dred and fifty dollars annually. Amounts paid under this
18 section to high schools shall be paid from the appropriation
19 for the support of the free high schools and amounts paid
20 to academies out of the appropriation for aid to academies
21 and such amounts shall be paid at the same time and in the
22 same manner as other amounts out of said appropriations are
23 paid. Amounts paid under this section shall be additional
24 to any other state aid, provided, however, that state aid to
25 academies for the maintenance of training courses for teach-
26 ers, as provided by section 98, chapter 16, Revised Statutes,
27 shall not be paid after such aid is paid for such courses
28 maintained under said section during the year ending July
29 1, 1918.

Sect. 4. Any pupil residing in a town which does not sup-
2 port a high school or contract with an academy in which
3 training courses are offered, as provided in this act, may
4 attend such courses in a high school or academy outside of
5 the town of the pupil's residence, and tuition for such at-
6 tendance shall be paid by the town of the pupil's residence
7 under the same conditions for payment and reimbursement
8 of other secondary school tuition, as provided by law; pro-

9 vided, however, that such reimbursement shall be in addition
10 to any other reimbursement on the tuition or the free high
11 school account and provided, further, that the amount may
12 be in addition to the maximum amount of aid for free high
13 schools.