

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 255

House of Representatives, February 26, 1919.

Reported by Mr. Cochrane from Committee on Education and ordered printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Varney of Windham.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Provide for Physical Education in the Public
Schools.

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

Section 1. In order to more thoroughly prepare the youth
2 of the state for the duties and obligations of citizenship and
3 to provide for their future well-being and comfort it shall
4 be the duty of the superintending school committees of the
5 several towns of the state, beginning not later than Septem-
6 ber first, nineteen hundred twenty, to make provision for
7 instruction to be given to pupils in all public schools in
8 personal hygiene, community sanitation and physical edu-
9 cation, including recreational exercises in accordance with

10 a course of study and plans of lessons and instruction pre-
11 pared by the state superintendent of public schools, who
12 shall prescribe such rules and regulations as may be neces-
13 sary to carry out in successful manner said program of
14 physical education and he may require such reports from
15 superintendents as he may deem necessary.

Sect. 2. Towns may employ supervisors or directors of
2 physical education who shall meet such standards of prep-
3 aration and certification as the state superintendent of
4 schools may determine. It shall be the duty of the super-
5 intendent of schools in which directors or supervisors of
6 physical education are employed to report to the state su-
7 perintendent of schools, on blank forms prepared by him,
8 the number of pupils receiving instruction, the number of
9 directors or supervisors employed, the amount paid such
10 directors or supervisors, and such other information as
11 may be required.

Sect. 3. Whenever the superintendent of schools of any
2 town shall certify under oath to the state superintendent of
3 public schools according to a form prescribed by him that
4 a director or supervisor of physical education has been
5 employed for the school year preceding, then upon approval
6 of such certificate by the state superintendent of public
7 schools, reimbursement from state or federal funds shall
8 be paid to the amount of one-half the salary paid, not to
9 exceed eight hundred dollars for each director or super-
10 visor in any one year, and not to exceed sixteen hundred

11 dollars to any one town; provided, that the appropriation
12 made by the town for this purpose shall be exclusive of
13 any other sum received from the state for the support of
14 common schools and of the minimum requirement raised
15 by the town as prescribed by section sixteen of chapter
16 sixteen of the revised statutes. Two or more towns adja-
17 cents to each other, or the several towns of a superintend-
18 ency union, may cooperate in the employment of directors
19 or supervisors of physical education and may apportion the
20 cost of the same among the several towns of the group
21 according to the amount of time given to each.

Sect. 4. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions
2 of this act there shall be appropriated for the year nineteen
3 hundred twenty, and annually thereafter, the sum of fif-
4 teen thousand dollars. All reports required under this act
5 shall be filed annually with the state superintendent of
6 public schools on or before the first day of July, and state
7 aid shall be payable during the month of Decmber next
8 succeeding.