

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 358

House of Representatives, March 21, 1921.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE**

AN ACT to Provide for the Acceptance of the Benefits of an Act by the Senate and House of Representatives of Congress Assembled Entitled "An Act to Provide for the Promotion of Vocational Rehabilitation of Persons Disabled in Industry and Otherwise and their Return to Civil Employment"; and to Provide for the Administration of the Same.

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

Section 1. The state of Maine hereby, through its legislative authority, accepts the provisions and benefits of the act of congress entitled "An act to provide for the promotion of vocational rehabilitation of persons injured in industry or otherwise" approved June second, nineteen hundred and twenty, and will observe and comply with the requirements of said act.

Sect. 2. The state treasurer is hereby designated and appointed custodian of all moneys received by the state from appropriations made by the Congress of the United States for the vocational rehabilitation of persons disabled in industry or otherwise, and is authorized to receive and provide for the proper custody of the same and to make disbursements therefrom upon the order of the state board for vocational education herein designated.

Sect. 3. The state board for vocational education, as provided by section two of chapter one hundred and eighty-six of the public laws of the state of Maine, is hereby authorized to cooperate with the federal board for vocational education in the administration of the provisions of this act; to prescribe and provide such courses of instruction and training as may be necessary for the vocational rehabilitation of persons injured in industry or otherwise, and to provide for the instruction and supervision of such training.

Sect. 4. The state board for vocational education is hereby authorized to cooperate with the state industrial accident commission, charged with the administration of the state workmen's compensation laws, to formulate a plan of cooperation in accordance with the provisions of this act and the said act of congress. Said plan to become effective when approved by the governor of the state.

Sect. 5. The state board for vocational education is hereby authorized and empowered to receive such gifts and donations, either from public or private sources as may be

4 offered unconditionally, or under such conditions related to
5 the vocational rehabilitation of persons injured in industry
6 or otherwise as in their judgment are proper and consistent
7 with the provisions of this act. All moneys received as gifts
8 or donations shall be deposited in the state treasury and
9 shall constitute a permanent fund to be called the special
10 fund for the vocational rehabilitation of disabled persons,
11 to be used by said board to defray the expenses of vocation-
12 al rehabilitation in special cases, including the payment of
13 necessary expenses of persons undergoing training. The
14 funds set apart in chapter one hundred and five of the pub-
15 lic laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen for the purpose of
16 cooperating with the federal board for vocational education
17 are applicable to this act also.