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EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 478

S. P. 374

In Senate, Feb. 11, 1931.

Referred to Committee on Education and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Crockett of York.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to Industrial Education.

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

Section 1. Relating to industrial education in normal schools Section one hundred sixty-four of chapter nineteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the tenth line the words "not more than six thousand dollars" and inserting in place thereof the words 'such sums as may be approved by the commissioner of education' so that said section when amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 164. Manual training to be introduced into all normal schools. R. S. c. 16, § 134. The trustees of the state normal schools shall cause to be introduced into all of the said normal schools such courses in manual arts, domestic science, and agriculture as will enable their graduates to teach elementary courses in those subjects in the rural and grade schools. In not more than one of said schools the course in manual training shall be so extended as to offer opportunity to persons desiring to qualify as special teachers of that branch, and in not more than one the course in domestic science shall be so extended as to offer similar opportunity to persons desiring to qualify as special teachers thereof. For the two special courses thus offered the trustees are authorized to expend annually such sums as may be approved by the commissioner of edu-

cation, which shall be additional to other sums appropriated for the support of said normal schools and which the treasurer of state shall deduct from the state school fund.'

Sec. 2. Relating to state aid to towns maintaining industrial education in elementary schools. Section one hundred sixty-five of chapter nineteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the sixth line the words "the amount of" and inserting in place thereof the words 'an amount not to exceed' so that said section when amended shall read as follows :

'Sec. 165. State aid to towns maintaining manual training in elementary schools. R. S. c. 16, § 135. Whenever the superintendent of schools of any town shall certify under oath to the state commissioner of education according to a form prescribed by him that instruction in manual training or domestic science has been provided pupils of elementary schools for the year preceding, then upon approval of such certificate by the state commissioner of education, state aid shall be paid to an amount not to exceed two-thirds the total salary paid each teacher ; provided, that the amount so paid by the state for the employment of any one instructor shall not exceed eight hundred dollars in one year ; and provided further, that the appropriation made by the town for this purpose shall be exclusive of any other sum received from the state for the support of common schools and of the minimum requirement raised by the town as prescribed by section sixteen of this chapter ; and provided further, that the course of study, equipment, and qualifications of instructors shall have been approved by the state commissioner of education.'

Sec. 3. Relating to state aid for maintaining industrial education in high school or academy. Section one hundred sixty-six of chapter nineteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the tenth line the words "equal to" and inserting in place thereof the words 'not to exceed' so that said section when amended shall read as follows :

'Sec. 166. State aid for maintaining manual training in high school or academy. R. S. c. 16, § 136. 1919, c. 93. The superintending school committee having charge of any free high school or the trustees of any incorporated academy may provide for instruction therein in the principles of agriculture

and the domestic and mechanic arts. Whenever it shall be made to appear to the governor and council, from returns made as herein provided, that in any free high school or academy instruction has been furnished during the preceding year in the principles of agriculture, the mechanic arts, or domestic science, the governor and council shall direct the treasurer of state to pay to the town supporting such free high school, or to the treasurer of such academy, in addition to other state aid if any, a sum not to exceed two-thirds the total expenditure for instruction in each of said courses; provided, however, that no school shall receive a total in excess of seven hundred and fifty dollars in any one year for the support of said courses; and provided, that state aid shall not be allowed for any course which has an average attendance of less than twelve students; and, provided further, that such aid shall not be granted unless the course of study, equipment, and qualifications of instructors shall first have been approved by the state commissioner of education.'

Sec. 4. Relating to deduction from state school fund. Section two hundred five of chapter nineteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the tenth and eleventh lines the words "such amounts as may be required" and inserting in place thereof the words 'an amount not to exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars' so that said section when amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 205. Deductions from state school fund. R. S. c. 16, § 166. 1921, c. 173, § 4. 1923, c. 175, 1929, c. 155. In addition to the other funds and appropriations provided for by law to be deducted from the state school fund, there shall annually be deducted the sum of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars, the same to be denominated the school equalization fund and to be apportioned and distributed in the manner and for the purposes provided for by section two hundred ten. From the state school fund there shall also be apportioned such sums as may be required for payment to towns for reimbursement of tuition in secondary schools as provided for by section two hundred six, such amount as may be required for physical education as provided in sections one hundred eighty-one to one hundred eighty-three; an amount not to exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars to cover the obligations of the

state for industrial education under sections one hundred sixty-three to one hundred sixty-eight, inclusive, and such sums as may be required for payment to towns on account of teaching positions maintained as provided for by section two hundred seven, and such sums as may be required for apportionment to towns on the basis of the school census as provided for by section two hundred eight, and the balance of said state school fund shall be apportioned and distributed to towns on the basis of aggregate attendance as provided for by section two hundred nine.'