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Legislative Document

No. 509

S. P. 310

In Senate, February 16, 1937.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Marden of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to the Purchase of Supplies for Public Schools.

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

Sec. 1. Advantages of centralized buying extended to public schools; costs equalized. The state purchasing agent is hereby designated as buyer for the public schools of the state of all books, paper, and such other school supplies as may be conveniently and economically purchased through his office, and he shall from time to time as occasion requires determine what supplies need not be purchased through his office. Superintendents of schools shall list on order blanks to be furnished by the purchasing agent such supplies as they may need, and shall forward such orders to the commissioner of education for approval, and when approved by the commissioner, such orders shall be delivered to the purchasing agent to be filled. The purchasing agent shall take due advantage of the opportunity to group the orders of the several schools, and purchase such supplies in gross at the lowest possible rate. Subject to the approval of the commissioner of education, the purchasing agent shall have the right to substitute supplies of like quality when those ordered are not immediately available. Bills for such supplies shall be payable immediately, and may be collected as other bills due the state are collected, and

shall draw interest at the rate of 6% per year, beginning 30 days after the dates of the several invoices, and all bills unpaid on the 1st day of November of each year shall be so certified to the commissioner of education, who shall deduct the amounts of the same from the state funds allotted to the indebted town, together with due interest. Bills for such supplies shall be rendered in triplicate, to the commissioner of education, to the superintendent of schools, and to the auditor of the municipality, if there be an auditor, otherwise to the municipal officers.

Sec. 2. Appointment of assistant to the commissioner of education authorized; clerical assistance to be provided. The governor, with the advice and consent of the council, may appoint an assistant to the commissioner of education, who shall have direct oversight of such public school accounts, and shall fix his salary. The indorsed approval of such assistant to the commissioner shall be deemed the approval of the commissioner for the purposes of this act. The commissioner of education and the purchasing agent, subject to the approval of the governor and council, are authorized to engage the services of such additional clerks as may be necessary for the administration of this act.

Sec. 3. Repealing clause. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.