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In Senate, February 14, 1945.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Leavitt of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-FIVE

**AN ACT Creating the Maine Physical Rehabilitation School for
Unemployed Citizens.**

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

Sec. 1. Maine Physical Rehabilitation School for Unemployed Citizens.

There is hereby created "Maine Physical Rehabilitation School for Unemployed Citizens", which shall be a body corporate and politic, having the same rights, privileges and powers as have corporations organized under the general law, with the right to adopt a common seal and to establish by-laws and regulations for the management of its affairs not repugnant to its charter and the laws of the state of Maine and with the principal location of its school in the state of Maine.

The affairs of the school shall be controlled by a board of 9 trustees, all residents of the state of Maine, who, together with their successors, shall be appointed by the governor of the state of Maine, with the advice and consent of his council. In the first instance, 3 trustees shall be appointed for terms of 1 year, 3 for terms of 2 years and 3 for terms of 3 years. Thereafter 3 shall be appointed annually to serve for terms of 3 years, or until their successors are duly appointed and qualified. Any vacancy in the board shall be filled by appointment by the governor for the remainder of the unexpired term, but the majority of the board shall carry on business during the existence of any vacancy on the board.

Sec. 2. Powers. Said trustees shall provide and maintain a school for physical rehabilitation of unemployed citizens and shall provide necessary instructors and equipment to speed the rehabilitation of these citizens. The board shall appoint and may remove instructors and other employees, determine their compensation, fix the terms upon which such citizens shall be received and instructed therein and discharged therefrom, and make all regulations convenient or necessary for the management of said school.

Sec. 3. Collection and disposition of income. The trustees shall have the power to receive and fix tuition fees and other charges, including charges for board and lodging of such citizens while attending the school or any of its activities. The trustees may receive in behalf of the school grants from any federal government agency and/or from any of the several states and/or from any other source. They shall invest such moneys as in the opinion of the majority of said trustees shall be for the best interest of said school, unless any such money is given for any particular purpose.

Sec. 4. State aid. In addition to the income provided by the provisions of section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$45,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1946, and \$25,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947. Thereafter, from such sums as shall be appropriated biennially for the operation of the school, the treasurer of state or his successor shall, upon request of the trustees, make grants for such operation to the treasurer of the school, who shall give bond in an amount to be set by the governor and council, but not less than \$15,000 with sureties approved by the governor and council, for its proper disbursement.

Sec. 5. Audit of expenditures provided for. The department of audit shall perform a post audit of all accounts and other financial records of transactions performed under the provisions of this act and shall report annually on this audit and at such other times as the legislature may require.

Sec. 6. Transfer of property on dissolution. Whenever the Maine Physical Rehabilitation School for Unemployed Citizens is dissolved, its real and personal estate shall vest in the state of Maine.