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In Senate, February 9, 1955

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Wyman of Washington.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT Relating to Driver Education.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 41, §§ 218-A and 218-B, additional.** Chapter 41 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 2 new sections to be numbered 218-A and 218-B, to read as follows:

**'Driver Education.**

**Sec. 218-A. Purpose.** The purpose of sections 218-A and 218-B is to develop the knowledge, attitudes, habits and skills necessary for the safe operation of motor vehicles, through classroom instruction and behind the wheel driving and observation in a dual control automobile, by encouraging superintending school committees of the several municipalities of the State to make provision for this instruction in all the public secondary schools and academies under joint board and contract with the town as described in section 105.

**Sec. 218-B. Educational aid.** The Commissioner of Education, with the approval of the State Board of Education, shall employ necessary personnel and establish rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of sections 218-A and 218-B, including the following:

- I. Salaries and traveling expenses for a State Director of Driver Education, clerical assistance and supplementary teaching aids essential to the program;
- II. Special subsidies shall be paid in September to the cities, towns, plantations and community school districts for all courses in driver education according to the following plan: \$10 for each pupil satisfactorily completing the driver education course during the school year 1955-1956, and thereafter \$10

for each pupil satisfactorily completing the driver education course for the first year it is instituted in a given school. The subsidy for these continuing courses shall be with and in addition to General Purpose Aid and shall be computed on the annual salary of the driver education teacher by adding 25 percentage points to the maximum percentage used in computing subsidy under section 237. Such driver education course shall meet the approval of the Commissioner in regard to teacher qualifications, limitations as to the number of pupils and the course of study offered.'

**Sec. 2. Appropriation.** There is hereby appropriated to the Department of Education from the general fund the following sums:

	1955-56	1956-57
Department of Education	\$11,000	\$11,000
Subsidies	—	60,000
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	\$11,000	\$71,000

Subsidies so paid should be in addition to the General Purpose Aid as provided in section 237 of chapter 41 of the revised statutes.