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In Senate, April 19, 1957.

Referred to the Committee on State Government. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Rogerson of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Transferring School for the Deaf from Department of Institutional Service to Department of Education.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 41, §§ 207-J - 207-P, additional. Chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding thereto 7 new sections, to be numbered 207-J to 207-P, inclusive, to read as follows:

'School for the Deaf.

Sec. 207-J. Purpose. Maine School for the Deaf, established by chapter 446 of the private and special laws of 1897, is to be devoted to the education and instruction of deaf and dumb children.

Sec. 207-K. State to assume charge and expenses; government. Said school shall be located in the county of Cumberland, and the State shall have the entire charge, responsibility and expense of maintaining said school. The government of said school is vested in the Department of Education.

Sec. 207-L. Powers and duties of Department. The Department of Education shall have charge of the general interests of said school and see that its affairs are conducted in accordance with law. It may employ officers, teachers and other employees as it may deem advisable, subject to the provisions of the Personnel Law. It may from time to time prescribe the system of education and course of study to be pursued in the school.

Sec. 207-M. Admittance of children to school. With the consent of its parent or guardian, the Department of Education may admit to said school for a term not exceeding 16 years, any deaf and dumb child residing in this State and not less than 2 years of age, and the sums necessary for the support and instruction of such children while attending said school shall be paid by the State.

Sec. 207-N. Deaf or dumb children between ages of 6 and 18 to be sent to Maine School for Deaf. Every parent, guardian or other person having control of any mentally normal child between 6 and 18 years of age, too deaf or too dumb to be materially benefited by the methods of instruction in vogue in the public schools, unless it can be shown that the child is receiving regular instruction during the same period in studies usually taught in the public schools, shall be required to send such child or youth to the Maine School for the Deaf during the scholastic year of that school. Such child or youth shall attend such school, year after year, until discharged by the superintendent upon approval of the Department of Education.

Sec. 207-O. Costs. For each child admitted to the school, the town in which the child is entitled to school privileges in accordance with the provisions of section 44 shall pay to the State, to be credited to the general fund, an amount equal to the per capita cost of instruction and equipment in a public elementary school for a normal child in that town.

Sec. 207-P. Admittance of children from other states. Deaf and dumb children residing in other states may, at the discretion of the Department of Education, be admitted to said school upon the payment by their parents, guardian or other responsible agency of a reasonable compensation to be fixed by the Department of Education. All income from this or any other source shall be paid to the Treasurer of State and shall be added to the appropriation for the maintenance of said school.

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 27, §§ 159-165, repealed. Sections 159 to 165, inclusive, of chapter 27 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. Transfer of duties. The duties imposed upon the Department of Institutional Service under the provisions of sections 159 to 165 of chapter 27 of the Revised Statutes are hereby transferred and imposed upon the Department of Education.