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**STATE OF MAINE**

As Passed by the Ninety-first Legislature

**1943**

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## Chapter 147

### AN ACT Relating to the Operation of the Normal Schools During the War.

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, a state of war exists between the United States and Germany, Italy, Japan and other foreign countries; and

Whereas, in the judgment of this legislature this fact creates an emergency within the meaning of section 16 of Article XXXI of the constitution of Maine and requires the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public welfare; now, therefore,

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

R. S., c. 19, § 185, amended. Section 185 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

'The board of normal school trustees acting by and with the consent of the governor and council may suspend operations in 1 or more of these normal schools for the duration and until the close of the school year following the close of the war or until in the judgment of these 2 governing bodies the emergency has passed. The enrollments and/or the need of these plants for pursuits incidental to carrying on the war are to be the determining factors. Whenever existing contracts for student-teaching facilities with the municipalities in which these institutions are located cannot be carried out, the board of normal school trustees shall have the authority to adjust these contracts with the local superintending committees. Employees now in service and enrolled under the state employees retirement act shall not be required to forfeit any time or benefit to which they might be entitled, provided, they return to their previous pension status upon the expiration of the emergency or are sooner transferred to another Maine teacher-training institution.

The lands with the buildings thereon and equipment connected therewith, or such parts thereof as may be deemed advisable, hitherto occupied by these normal schools, may be leased to the federal government or to any bureau or subdivision thereof.'

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.

Effective March 20, 1943