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Chapter 140

AN ACT Relating to Sale of Unused School Buildings in Unorganized Territory.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 102, § 13, amended. The 2nd paragraph of section 13 of chapter 102 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The State Tax Assessor shall have the authority to sell or otherwise dispose of any property, the title of which rests in the town at the time of deorganization or may come to the town subsequent to deorganization, provided ~~that~~ he shall first obtain written permission from the Commissioner of Education before disposing of any property formerly used or still being used for school purposes. Such sale or disposal may take place at any time subsequent to deorganization and the proceeds from the sale shall be expended as is provided for in this section.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 102, § 13, amended. Section 13 of chapter 102 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended, by adding thereto a new paragraph to follow the second paragraph, to read as follows:

'When school property is sold, the proceeds shall be expended as described in section 164 of chapter 41 for the benefit of the children in the township where the property is located. The proceeds from all other sales shall be expended as described in the first paragraph of this section.'

Effective August 28, 1957

Chapter 141

AN ACT Relating to Approval of Institutions Granting Associate Degrees.

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

R. S., c. 41, § 142, amended. Section 142 of chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 142. Approval of degree-granting institutions. Any educational institution seeking authority to grant any educational, literary or academic degree, or any junior college or similar post-secondary educational institution seeking authority to grant an associate degree, shall make application to the Secretary of State, in a manner prescribed by him, not later than ~~the~~ May 1st immediately preceding the legislative session.

Upon notification from the Secretary of State, it shall be the duty of the Commissioner to obtain full information regarding the merit of the institution to confer the degree or grant the associate degree. He shall use those standards which are commonly accepted in the accreditation of American educational institutions, and shall prepare for the use of the Legislature a report regarding the adequacy of the institution's buildings, instructional facilities and provisions for the safety and well-being of students; the qualifications of the faculty; the character of the program of studies and of the requirements for award of

diplomas degrees; practices in the admission of students; the adequacy of financial resources; and the governing policies of the institution. The report, with recommendations of the State Board of Education, shall be delivered to the Secretary of State at least 10 days before the opening of the regular legislative session.

No person, school, board, association or corporation shall use in any way the term "junior college" or "college" or "university" in connection with an institution, or use any other name, title or descriptive matter tending to designate that it is an institution of higher learning with the power to grant educational, literary or academic degrees unless the institution has been given the right to grant degrees in accordance with the provisions of this section.

Any institution not previously authorized to confer a degree or an associate degree must have been in regular operation at least 2 years before the Legislature grants authority to confer a degree or associate degree.

An institution authorized to confer a degree or associate degree shall inform the Commissioner of any substantial reduction in its educational program or resources available to students. If, in the judgment of the State Board of Education, these changes are sufficient to warrant review of the institution's authority to confer degrees or associate degrees, it shall be the duty of the Commissioner to report these changes to the current membership of the legislative committee which originally considered the measure.

Effective August 28, 1957

Chapter 142

AN ACT Relating to Purpose and Aid for Driver Education.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 41, § 218-A, amended. Section 218-A of chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 475 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'**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 or contract with the town~~ and academies receiving tuition students as described in section 107.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 41, § 218-B, sub-§ II, amended. Subsection II of section 218-B of chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 475 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'**II.** Special subsidies shall be paid in September to the ~~cities, towns, plantations~~ municipalities and community school districts for all courses in driver