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Whenever any child who has not attained his or her 3rd birthday shall die without medical attendance, the medical examiner who examines the body shall make special written report of the death to the Chief Medical Examiner of the State within 72 hours of the time of death and shall include in the report the circumstances surrounding the death, the gross findings at autopsy, or the reasons why an autopsy was not performed, the cause of death as listed on the death certificate, and any other information the Chief Medical Examiner may specify. \*The report shall be submitted on a form and in a format specified by the Chief Medical Examiner. The Chief Medical Examiner may specify that such reports be directed to the Director of Health, Department of Health and Welfare.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner the sum of \$20,000 from the General Fund to defray the costs of autopsies required to fulfill the intent of this Act and other costs. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1973-74	1974-75
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER		
All Other	\$10,000	\$10,000
Effective October 3, 1973		

## CHAPTER 605

### AN ACT to Authorize Eleven New Regions and Central Aroostook County Region for Vocational Education.

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, there is an urgent need for vocational education in these regions of the State; and

Whereas, the concept of these regional programs will conserve the resources of the local and state governments; and

Whereas, existing school facilities could be more adequately used; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

R. S., T. 20, § 2356-A, sub-§ 5, additional. Section 2356-A of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding a new subsection 5, to read as follows:

5. Vocational regions. There are created 11 new regions for vocational education whose boundaries are set forth in this subsection. The 11 new vocational regions are created to deliver vocational education to their respective areas in accordance with sections 2356-B to 2356-H. The vocational regions shall be administered by a cooperative board as set forth herein. The size of the cooperative board, the number to serve on the cooperative board, distribution of the membership among the units and the method of sharing costs shall be determined by a majority vote of the school committees or board of directors, or both, of the various units at a joint meeting called for this purpose by the commissioner. The municipal officers of each unit within the region shall be invited to the joint meeting and shall be heard on the issues of cooperative board membership and the methods of sharing costs among the units. The members of the school committee or board of directors of each unit shall caucus with the municipal officers within that unit and each member of a school committee or board of directors shall cast his vote on the issues in accordance with the majority vote of the caucus for that unit. Membership of the cooperative board shall be made up from the school administrative units in that area in proportion to the population of those administrative units. No single administrative unit shall have more than 50% of the total membership of the cooperative board. Several small units may be jointly represented by a cooperative board member. The details of establishing the cooperative board and the method of sharing costs shall be determined by a majority vote of the board members present and voting at the meeting which has been called by the commissioner. Decisions reached on the method of sharing costs and the representation on the cooperative board may be appealed to the State Board of Education by any administrative unit within the region, if the school committee or the board of directors of that unit believes that the representation on the cooperative board or the method of sharing costs is unfair to the local administrative unit. The State Board of Education shall make a determination on the disposition of the appeal. The board's decision shall be final and binding upon the administrative units within the vocational region. The cooperative boards of the 11 new regions for vocational education as set forth in this subsection shall have all the rights and duties that are set forth in sections 309, 309-A and 309-B. The boundaries of the 11 regions shall not be changed except by legislative action provided that any unit contracting for secondary education outside of its region shall become a part of the region where such a contract exists.

If the cooperative board deems it advisable to issue bonds or notes for the construction of regional vocational facilities, the board shall call a regional meeting using the procedures set forth in sections 304 and 225. The results of the referendum vote in each municipality shall be reported forthwith to the secretary of the cooperative board. The board shall meet and make an appropriate finding of fact as required in section 225, subsection 4.

The annual budget as finally approved by the cooperative board shall be submitted to the legislative body of each unit within the region in the form of an article in the budget meeting warrant or by an order in a city council. The question shall be in the following form:

Shall the regional vocational budget as approved by the cooperative board for the year \_\_\_\_\_ be approved in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ?

The vote of the legislative body shall be to accept or reject the budget. No portion thereof may be amended. Following the annual budget meeting of

each unit, the clerk of each unit shall notify, in writing, the member or members of the cooperative board which represent that unit of the results of the vote. Within 5 days after the last unit has acted on the budget, the chairman of the cooperative board shall call a meeting of the board to tally the results of the vote. The cooperative board members shall report in writing and each shall cast his ballot in the affirmative or in the negative in accordance with the majority vote of the unit represented. The chairman shall add the votes thus reported, and the cooperative board shall make a finding of fact and enter in its records the total vote in the affirmative and the total vote in the negative. If the total vote in the affirmative exceeds the total vote in the negative, the cooperative board shall declare that the budget has been approved by the voters of the region.

If the budget fails of passage, the cooperative board shall prepare a new budget and again submit it to each unit for approval or disapproval at a special budget meeting called in the same manner as the annual budget meeting for the purpose of acting on the budget. The same reporting procedures and other fact-finding procedures shall be followed for the 2nd and subsequent meetings.

If a budget has not been approved prior to the date of the commitment of taxes for collection in a member unit, the latest budget approved by the cooperative board shall become final and shall be approved by operation of statute.

**Region 1. NORTHERN AROOSTOOK COUNTY.** Units located in this area are: Madawaska; S.A.D. #10—Allagash; S.A.D. #24—Van Buren, Cyr Plt., Grand Isle and Hamlin Plt.; S.A.D. #27—Eagle Lake, Fort Kent, New Canada Plt., St. Francis Plt., St. John Plt., Wallagrass Plt. and Winterville Plt., S.A.D. #33—Frenchville and St. Agatha.

**Region 2. SOUTHERN AROOSTOOK COUNTY.** Units located in this area are: Bancroft; Benedicta; Crystal; Dyer Brook; Hersey; Island Falls; Linneus; Ludlow; Merrill; Moro Plt.; New Limerick; Oakfield; Orient; Smyrna; S.A.D. #14—Danforth and Weston; S.A.D. #25—Mt. Chase Plt., Patten, Sherman and Stacyville; S.A.D. #29—Hammond Plt., Houlton, Littleton and Monticello; S.A.D. #70—Amity, Cary Plt., Haynesville and Hodgdon.

**Region 3. NORTHERN PENOBSCOT COUNTY.** Units located in this area are: Carroll Plt.; Codyville; East Millinocket; Glenwood Plt.; Lakeville Plt.; Macwahoc Plt.; Medway; Millinocket; Reed Plt.; Topsfield; Vanceboro; Woodville; S.A.D. #30—Lee, Prentiss Plt., Springfield, Webster Plt., and Winn; S.A.D. #31—Burlington, Edinburg, Enfield, Howland, Lowell, Maxfield, Passadumkeag and Seboeis Plt.; S.A.D. #67—Chester, Lincoln and Mattawamkeag.

**Region 4. SOUTHERN PENOBSCOT COUNTY.** Units located in this area are: Alton; Amherst; Aurora; Bangor; Bradley; Brewer; Glenburn; Grand Falls Plt.; Great Pond Plt.; Greenbush; Greenfield; Hermon; Milford; Old Town; Orono; Orrington; Osborn Plt.; Veazie; S.A.D. #22—Hampden, Newburgh and Winterport; S.A.D. #23—Carmel and Levant; S.A.D. #38—Dixmont and Etna; S.A.D. #63—Clifton, Eddington and Holden; S.A.D. #64—Bradford, Corinth, Hudson, Kenduskeag and Stetson.

**Region 5. HANCOCK COUNTY.** Units located in this area are: Bar Harbor; Blue Hill; Bucksport; Castine; Cranberry Isles; Dedham; Ellsworth;

Franklin; Gouldsboro; Hancock; Lamoine; Long Island Pt.; Mariaville; Mt. Desert; Orland; Otis; Penobscot; Sorrento; Southwest Harbor; Steuben; Sullivan; Surry; Tremont; Trenton; Winter Harbor; S.A.D. #18—Prospect and Verona; S.A.D. #26—Eastbrook and Waltham; S.A.D. #73—Brooklin, Brooksville, Deer Isle, Sedgwick and Stonington; S.A.D. #76—Swan's Island.

Region 6. WASHINGTON COUNTY. Units located in this area are: Alexander; Baileyville; Baring Pt.; Beals; Beddington; Calais; Centerville; Charlotte; Cooper; Crawford; Deblois; Dennysville; Eastport; Grand Lake Stream Pt.; Jonesboro; Jonesport; Machias; Marshfield; Meddybemps; Northfield; No. 14 Pt.; No. 21 Pt.; Pembroke; Perry; Princeton; Robbinston; Roque Bluffs; Talmadge; Waite; Wesley; Whitneyville; S.A.D. #37—Addison, Cherryfield, Columbia, Columbia Falls, Harrington and Milbridge; S.A.D. #19—Lubec; S.A.D. #77—Cutler, East Machias, Machiasport and Whiting.

Region 7. WALDO COUNTY. Units located in this area are: S.A.D. #3—Brooks, Freedom, Jackson, Knox, Liberty, Monroe, Montville, Thorndike, Troy, Unity and Waldo; S.A.D. #34—Belfast, Belmont, Morrill, Northport, Searsmont and Swanville; S.A.D. #56—Frankfort, Searsport and Stockton Springs.

Region 8. KNOX COUNTY. Units located in this area are: Appleton; Hope; Islesboro; Lincolnville; S.A.D. #5—Owl's Head, Rockland and South Thomaston; S.A.D. #7—North Haven; S.A.D. #8—Vinalhaven; S.A.D. #28—Camden and Rockport; S.A.D. #40—Friendship, Union, Waldoboro, Warren and Washington; S.A.D. #50—Cushing, St. George and Thomaston.

Region 9. NORTHERN OXFORD COUNTY. Units located in this area are: Hanover; Peru; Rumford; S.A.D. #21—Canton, Carthage and Dixfield; S.A.D. #43—Byron, Mexico and Roxbury; S.A.D. #44—Andover, Bethel, Greenwood, Newry and Woodstock.

Region 10. EASTERN CUMBERLAND-SAGADAHOC COUNTY. Units located in this area are: Brunswick; Freeport; S.A.D. #62—Pownal; S.A.D. #75—Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Harpswell and Topsham. This region will coordinate programs and activities with the Regional Technical and Vocational Center at Bath.

Region 11. SOUTHERN OXFORD COUNTY. Units located in this area are: S.A.D. #17—Harrison, Hebron, Norway, Otisfield, Oxford, Paris, Waterford and West Paris; S.A.D. #39—Buckfield, Hartford and Sumner. This region will coordinate programs and activities with the Regional Technical and Vocational Center at Bridgton.

These new regions for vocational education, as designated, agree to appropriate the necessary local funds, in accordance with the agreed-upon method of sharing costs, to pay the operating and construction costs for the regional programs for vocational education as may be required by sections 2356-A to 2356-H. The State Board of Education shall pay construction subsidies in accordance with section 2356-B, subsection 1.

CENTRAL AROOSTOOK COUNTY. High schools in this area are located at: Ashland, Caribou, Easton, Fort Fairfield, Limestone, Mars Hill, Presque Isle and Washburn. These high schools in the Central Aroostook County Region will be served by regional technical and vocational centers located in

Presque Isle and Caribou. These 2 regional centers shall be governed by their respective school boards but shall have an advisory committee responsible for coordinating vocational education for the Central Aroostook County Region. Membership on the advisory committee shall consist of the superintendents of schools of the participating towns with high schools and one board member chosen from each school committee or board of directors by its membership. The advisory committee shall meet quarterly and also will be responsible for preparing and submitting an annual report on vocational education to the State Board of Education and to each unit within the region.

Transportation of students shall be provided by the cooperative board to all regional technical and vocational centers, or regions and satellite programs, or both, that are in operation. Transportation shall not be provided outside the designated region, center or satellite unless approved by the commissioner. State aid for transportation shall be computed and paid to the cooperative board, treating the regional center as a single administrative unit. Transportation shall be provided by the sending units in the 13 existing regional centers and for any satellite programs which may subsequently be adopted.

The State Board of Education shall approve vocational programs in the 11 new regions as funding becomes available based upon plans submitted by the cooperative boards of the eleven new vocational regions.

Vocational regions as designated by the Legislature may vote on articles submitted by the cooperative board using the procedures set forth in section 225.

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

Effective July 5, 1973

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## CHAPTER 606

### AN ACT Relating to Service Retirement for Certain Members of the State Police.

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

R. S., T. 5, § 1121, sub-§ 1, ¶ C, amended. Paragraph C of subsection 1 of section 1121 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes, as last repealed and replaced by section 12 of chapter 544 of the public laws of 1967, and as amended, is further amended by adding a new paragraph at the end to read as follows:

Any former member of the Maine State Police who is retired and who is living on the effective date of this Act and who, at the time he had retired, had chosen an optional retirement allowance may elect to change his selection at any time prior to December 31, 1973, to provide that his widow, at the time of his death, shall become entitled to a retirement allowance which shall be equal to  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the amount being paid at the time of his death and which payment shall continue for the remainder of her lifetime or until she should remarry. His retirement allowance payment will be changed as of the first day of the month following the date his election to make this change is