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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

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 Paragraph C of subsection 1 of section 1121 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes, as last repealed and replaced by section 12 of chapter 544 of the public laws of 1967, and as amended, is further amended by adding a new paragraph at the end to read as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

received by the board of trustees and shall be paid thenceforth at the newly chosen rate without retroactivity. The amount to which he will become entitled will be equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ the amount of the current annual salary he was earning at the point of his retirement. The amount of any retirement allowance adjustments previously granted shall not be changed, improved or impaired.

Effective October 3, 1973

CHAPTER 607

AN ACT Requiring that the National School Lunch Program be Implemented in All Public Schools.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 20, § 1051, amended. Section 1051 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 6 of chapter 440 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended by adding a new sentence at the end to read as follows:

All public schools shall establish nonprofit school food services which shall participate in the National School Lunch Program no later than September, 1974.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 20, § 1053, amended. Section 1053 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 1 of chapter 178 of the public laws of 1969, and as amended, is further amended by adding after the first sentence, the following new sentence:

The commissioner, with the authorization of the board, shall establish and maintain nutritional standards and regulations for all school food service and shall require all public schools to establish no later than September, 1974, nonprofit food services which shall participate in the National School Lunch Program and shall as a minimum make available meals that meet nutritional standards no lower than those established by the United States Department of Agriculture for Type A meals served pursuant to said National School Lunch Program; provided that the commissioner, upon proper application, may, with the authorization of the board, permit a public school to postpone the establishment of such nonprofit food services to be not later than September, 1978, whenever such school demonstrates that it will be unable to participate in the National School Lunch Program by September, 1974, and that the postponement would be otherwise in the public interest.

Exception.

A. Definition. For the purposes of this chapter, "high school" shall mean a school limited to students in grades 9, 10, 11 and 12.

B. High schools excepted. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to require the participation of any high school, as defined in paragraph A, in the National School Lunch Program.

Effective October 3, 1973