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PUBLIC LAWS
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CHAPTER 295**AN ACT Concerning the Practical Training of Electricians.**

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA § 1101, sub-§ 4, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 767, § 33, is further amended by inserting before the last sentence the following:

A master electrician, who teaches an electrical course at a Maine regional vocational-technical center, a Maine vocational region or a Maine vocational-technical institute, may have a maximum of 12 helper electricians under his direct supervision while making electrical installations which are a part of the instructional program of the school, provided the total value of each installation does not exceed \$1,000. No electrical installation shall be commenced pursuant to this subsection without the prior approval of the director of the school at which the master electrician is an instructor. These installations shall be limited to those done in buildings or facilities owned or controlled by:

- A. School administrative units;
- B. Nonprofit organizations; and
- C. Households as defined in Title 36, section 6103, where the household income as defined in that section is within the limits established for one or 2 member households by Title 36, section 6108, except that if there are more than 2 members in a household, an additional \$500 of household income shall be allowed for each additional member of the household in computing the income limitation and provided that the household is owner-occupied.

The Electricians' Examining Board and the municipal electrical inspector of the municipality in which such installation is to be made, if the municipality has such inspector, shall be notified of all installation projects entered into pursuant to this subsection prior to the commencement of the project. There shall be an inspection by a state electrical inspector or by the municipal electrical inspector of the municipality in which such installation has been made, if the municipality has such inspector, before any wiring on the project is concealed.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA § 1202, sub-§ 2, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 767, § 37, is further amended to read:

2. **Apprentice or helper.** The board may issue a license upon payment of a fee of \$3 to any person who applies therefor, without examination, provided such applicant submits evidence satisfactory to the board that he has entered the employ of a licensed electrician as an apprentice electrician or to assist him as an electrician's helper or is a full-time student in an electrical course at a regional vocational-technical center, a Maine vocational region, or a vocational-technical institute. Any such person employed by an electrician as an apprentice for the purpose of qualifying for any license mentioned in sec-

tion 1203, or as electrician's helper, shall apply for a license as such immediately after commencing such employment or immediately after starting school in an electrical course.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 296

AN ACT to Permit State Aid to be Distributed to the Unit or School which the Student Attends.

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

Whereas, there is need to simplify the allocation of subsidy for school operations; and

Whereas, it would be beneficial to eliminate the difference between subsidy allocation and tuition charges for all units sending students to public schools; and

Whereas, pupil costs should reflect actual expenditures and not be subject to sporadic payment of tuition bills; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of the State 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:

20 MRSA § 966 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 966. Annual pupil count; transfer of pupils and state subsidies

1. Superintendent's report to commissioner. Each superintendent of schools, school agent and principal of a private school shall semiannually, on April 15th and October 15th, report to the commissioner the number of pupils in attendance. The report shall also set forth the number of pupils residing in each of the municipalities making up the administrative unit. The report shall be filed on forms to be furnished by the commissioner.

2. Transfer of students; student count for subsidy purposes; no tuition.

A. Whenever it is in the best interest of a resident pupil or pupils and if the parents or legal guardians approve, the superintendents of schools or the school agents may approve a transfer of the pupil or pupils from one administrative unit to another. Any approval given shall be reviewed annually by the superintendents of schools or the school agents.