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CHAPTER 518
H. P. 909 — L. D. 1075

AN ACT to Authorize a School Nursing Health Coordinator in the Department of Educational and Cultural Services.

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

Sec. 1. 20 MRSA § 1140 is enacted to read:

§ 1140. School Nurse Coordinator

1. **Coordinator within department.** There shall be a health professional, acting as a School Nurse Coordinator, within the Department of Educational and Cultural Services. This person must be licensed as a registered nurse in the State and must have education and experience in school health or community nursing and, if possible, a master's degree in nursing.

2. **Duties.** The coordinator shall have the following duties:

A. To provide orientation for new local school nursing personnel, and to assist them in writing comprehensive job descriptions and implementing local health policies;

B. To assist local school nursing personnel in advocating and planning comprehensive, sequential health education programs for students;

C. To assist the department in establishing certification standards for school nursing personnel;

D. To clarify legal issues, define liability and interpret new legislation to school nursing personnel;

E. To assist school nursing personnel in becoming knowledgeable members of pupil evaluation teams in effecting placement and programs for students with special needs;

F. To instruct school nursing personnel in the organization of health services with minimal disruption to the educational process;

G. To coordinate appropriate educational programs and workshops for school nursing personnel and to work with institutions of higher education to make relevant courses and degree programs available to nurses in all areas of the State;

H. To interpret the role of school nursing personnel to local administrators and educators;

I. To assist in establishing communication between the Department of Human Services and the Department of Educational and Cultural Services and to seek input from local school nursing personnel in formulating guidelines for services to students;

J. To attend courses, workshops and conferences relevant to school nursing and to disseminate current health information to local school nursing personnel on a regular basis;

K. To assure communication and coordination among school nurses, physicians and other resource agencies providing health services;

L. To serve as an official representative and spokesman for the School Nurse Division of the Maine Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, voicing the group's stand on legislation, health topics and educational issues which affect the health of the state's children; and

M. To serve as a resource person to other agencies and organizations, including the State Principals' Association, the Maine Lung Association, the School Health Board of Directors, the Maine State Nurses' Association and the Maine Teachers' Association.

Sec. 2. **Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1981-82	1982-83
EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
Curriculum Education		
Positions	(1)	(1)
Personal Services	\$16,116	\$23,530
All Other	6,750	9,000
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Total	\$22,866	\$32,530

Effective September 18, 1981

CHAPTER 519

S. P. 464 — L. D. 1320

AN ACT to Raise Survivors' Benefits in the Maine State Retirement System.