

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
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STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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**PRIVATE AND
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	<u>1985-86</u>	<u>1986-87</u>
All Other	\$75,000	\$100,000
(to contract with Maine Coalition for Family Crisis Services) to provide funds to create a Community Response Program for spouse abuse.		

Effective September 19, 1985.

CHAPTER 78

H.P. 1158 - L.D. 1660

AN ACT to Fund and Implement Certain Collective Bargaining Agreements.

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

Whereas, the 90-day period will not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

Whereas, certain obligations and expenses incident to the operation of state collective bargaining agreements will become due and payable immediately; and

Whereas, it is the responsibility of the Legislature to act upon those portions of tentative collective bargaining agreements negotiated by the Executive Branch which require legislative action; 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:

PART A

Sec. 1. Allocation from the Special Compensation Account. There is allocated from the Special Compensation Account the sum of \$29,692 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1986, and the sum of \$30,286 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1987, to implement the economic terms in the collective bargaining agreement agreed to by the State Board of Education and the Vocational-technical Institute Administrators Bargaining Unit.

Sec. 2. Special account funding. Funding provided by this Act shall be segregated into a special account to be made available as needed with the recommendation of the State Budget Officer, with the approval of the Governor. The funds shall include retirement costs. Positions supported from sources of funding other than the General Fund shall be funded whenever possible from those other sources.

Sec. 3. Adjustment of salary schedule. Effective the pay week closest to July 1, 1985, the salary schedule for employees in the Vocational-technical Institute Administrators Bargaining Unit shall be adjusted by 3 1/2% consistent with the terms of the collective bargaining agreement.

Sec. 4. Adjustment of salary schedule. Effective the pay week closest to January 1, 1986, the salary schedule for employees in the Vocational-technical Institute Administrators Bargaining Unit shall be adjusted by 1 1/2% consistent with the terms of the collective bargaining agreement.

Sec. 5. New employees, similar and equitable treatment. Employees in classifications included in the Vocational-technical Institute Administrators Bargaining Unit, but who are excluded from collective bargaining pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, section 1022, subsection 11, paragraph D, shall be given similar and equitable treatment on a pro rata basis to that given employees covered by the contract.

PART B

Carrying clause. Any balances remaining in special compensation accounts shall not lapse, but shall be carried forward to June 30, 1987.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited

in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective June 28, 1985.

CHAPTER 79

H.P. 916 - L.D. 1309

AN ACT to Improve the Administration of General Assistance.

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

Sec. 1. Commission established. There is established a Special Select Commission on the Administration and Financing of General Assistance, which shall investigate present and alternative methods of administering and financing the general assistance program within the State.

1. Membership. The commission shall consist of 13 members as follows: Three representatives from the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources, appointed by the Speaker of the House; one Senator from the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources, appointed by the President of the Senate; one representative of the Department of Human Services, appointed by the Commissioner of Human Services; and 2 representatives of municipalities, not from the same municipality, one appointed by the Speaker of the House and one appointed by the President of the Senate, in consultation with the Maine Municipal Association; 2 municipal welfare directors or assessors, one appointed by the Speaker of the House, one appointed by the President of the Senate, in consultation with the Welfare Director Association; 2 representatives of private nonprofit charitable organizations with knowledge and experience in general assistance, one appointed by the Speaker of the House and one by the President of the Senate; and 2 representatives of low-income recipients of general assistance; one appointed by the Speaker of the House and one by the President of the Senate.

2. Duties. The commission shall inquire into the experience and adequacy of the present methods of administration and financing of the general assistance program and the extent to which low-income citizens currently receive the benefits provided by law