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CHAPTER 305  
TEACHERS' COLLEGES

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**§ 2301. Five teachers' colleges**

The Farmington State Teachers' College at Farmington, the Gorham State Teachers' College at Gorham, the Washington State Teachers' College at Machias, the Fort Kent State Teachers' College at Fort Kent and the Aroostook State Teachers' College at Presque Isle shall be conducted for the purposes and upon the principles set forth.

**1. Training of teachers.** They shall be devoted to the training of teachers for their professional labors and such other post high school courses of study as may be designated by the state board. Section 2304 shall apply only to the regular teacher education courses, and the state board may in its discretion establish special tuition charges for other post high school work.

1963, c. 280, § 1.

**2. Course of study.** The course of study shall be left to the discretion of this board.

**3. Art of school management.** The art of school management, including the best methods of government and instruction, shall have a prominent place in the daily exercises of said schools.

**4. Free from denominational teachings.** Said schools, while teaching the fundamental truths of Christianity and the great principles of morality recognized by law, shall be free from all denominational teachings and open to persons of different religious connections on terms of equality.

**5. Register of students.** The presidents of teachers' colleges, supported wholly or in part by the State, shall keep a register containing the names of all students entering such schools or departments, the date of entering and leaving, their ages, number

of days' attendance, the length of the term, a list of textbooks used and all other information required in the blanks furnished by the commissioner. (1961, c. 387, § 3.)

R.S.1954, c. 41, § 223; 1955, c. 375; 1961, c. 387, §§ 2, 3; 1963, c. 280, § 1.

### § 2302. Courses of study

The courses of study at the state teachers' colleges shall not exceed 5 years in length with suitable vacations, and, with the terms of admission, shall be arranged by the commissioner. The board may arrange for courses of study for such students as elect to pursue the same.

R.S.1954, c. 41, § 224; 1961, c. 387, § 4; 1963, c. 280, § 2.

### § 2303. Diplomas and degrees

Any student, who completes a course of study prescribed at institutions of higher education under the control of the state board and otherwise complies with the regulations of the college shall receive a diploma certifying the same. The board may confer appropriate degrees based upon 4 or 5 years of instruction. Degrees beyond the bachelor's degree may be granted only by colleges accredited by the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

R.S.1954, c. 41, § 225; 1961, c. 387, § 5; 1963, c. 280, § 3.

### § 2304. Applicants for admission, qualifications; tuition

Applicants for admission to state teachers' colleges shall signify their intention to become teachers. The board shall charge \$200 for tuition to nonresidents of the State and \$100 for tuition to residents of the State. It may permit not exceeding 10% of the enrollment of residents to pay their tuition charges at such future dates as it may determine.

R.S.1954, c. 41, § 226; 1961, c. 387, § 6.

### § 2305. Supervision

The state teachers' colleges shall be under the direction of the state board. Said board shall have charge of the general interests of said colleges; shall see that the affairs thereof are conducted as required by law and by such bylaws as the board adopts; employ teachers and lecturers for the same; and shall have authori-

ty, by and with the consent of the Governor and Council, to dispose of and acquire property for the improvement of the plants and grounds; and biennially render to the Governor and Council an accurate account of the receipts and expenditures for the biennium preceding, including same as a part of the commissioner's report. The clerical and staff services for this board shall be performed by the employees of the department under the direction of the commissioner. The head of a teachers' college shall be designated as a president.

R.S.1954, c. 41, § 227; 1961, c. 387, § 7.

### § 2306. State scholarships

The state board shall develop and administer a plan for awarding scholarships to selected students enrolled in the teachers' colleges of the State who have evidenced qualifications of general worth and professional promise as potential teachers, and who have demonstrated ability and willingness to support their educational expenses, but who may be in need of partial financial assistance with respect to their education costs. Each scholarship shall not exceed \$300 in any one year. The board may, at its discretion, reduce the amount of any particular award, when such a reduction would better serve the need of any otherwise eligible recipient. Amounts available for such scholarships shall be distributed annually by the board to the 5 teachers' colleges in the following manner:

**1. \$1,500 or 5 full scholarships per school.** \$1,500, or the equivalent of 5 full scholarships, to each college;  
1959, c. 246; 1961, c. 387, § 9.

**2. Allocation of balance.** Allocation of the balance of the scholarship fund to the 5 teachers' colleges in the same proportions as the proportion of each institution's enrollment bears to the total student enrollment of the 5 institutions for the fall semester of the current year. (1961, c. 387, § 9.)

R.S.1954, c. 41, § 230; 1959, c. 246; 1961, c. 387, § 9.