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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY

AN ACT Relating to Budgetary Hardship in Maintaining Special Education Students.

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

Sec. 1. 20 MRSA § 4749, sub-§ 6, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 625, § 8, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

A. If an administrative unit petitions the commissioner and demonstrates that the unexpected costs of placement for educational purposes of a student in a special education program will cause a budgetary hardship, the commissioner may adjust the unit's allocation to include an amount not to exceed the educational cost of the placement under rules and regulations established by the commissioner.

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

1980-81

EUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Special Education Contingency Account

All Other

\$300,000

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STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to allow a school district to petition the commissioner to claim a budgetary hardship for excessive cost for the placement for educational purposes of a handicapped child, either in a special education facility or in a program within the district.