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No. 1768

S.P. 634

In Senate, January 25, 1994

**An Act to Develop a Voluntary Firearm Safety Program for Use in
Schools in the State.**

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.
Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator TITCOMB of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senators: HALL of Piscataquis, LUDWIG of Aroostook, LUTHER of Oxford, O'DEA of Penobscot, VOSE of Washington, Representatives: AIKMAN of Poland, CHONKO of Topsham, GEAN of Alfred, GREENLAW of Standish, HATCH of Skowhegan, JACQUES of Waterville, LARRIVEE of Gorham, MORRISON of Bangor, SPEAR of Nobleboro.

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

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3 Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §405, sub-§3, ¶Q, as amended by PL 1993, c.
4 290, §2, is further amended to read:

5 Q. Serve as state agency for administering federal funds
6 for construction of school facilities and for vocational
7 education; and
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10 Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §405, sub-§3, ¶S, as enacted by PL 1993, c.
11 290, §3, is amended to read:

12 S. Develop long-range education goals and standards for
13 school performance and student performance to improve
14 learning results and recommend to the commissioner and to
15 the Legislature a plan for achieving those goals and
16 standards; and
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18 Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §405, sub-§3, ¶T is enacted to read:

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20 T. With assistance from a national nonprofit membership
21 organization that provides a volunteer firearm safety
22 program that includes training individuals in the safe
23 handling and use of shotguns, rifles and handguns, adopt and
24 make available to all school administrative units a firearm
25 safety training program for use in kindergarten programs and
26 elementary and high school grades designed to familiarize
27 all pupils with the fundamentals of firearm safety and the
28 safe handling of firearms.
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32 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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34 This bill directs the State Board of Education to develop
35 and adopt a voluntary firearm safety program for use in public
36 schools with assistance from a national gun group such as the
37 National Rifle Association.
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44 This document has not yet been reviewed to determine the
45 need for cross-reference, stylistic and other technical
46 amendments to conform existing law to current drafting standards.