

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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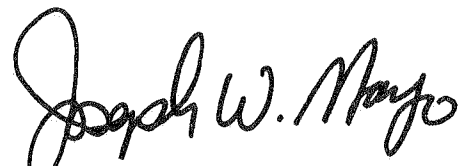
H.P. 493

House of Representatives, February 4, 1997

**An Act to Organize Schools in the Unorganized Territory as a Single  
School Administrative Unit.**

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Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative McELROY of Unity.  
Cosponsored by Senator SMALL of Sagadahoc and  
Representatives: BARTH of Bethel, BRENNAN of Portland, BUCK of Yarmouth,  
KNEELAND of Easton, TRUE of Fryeburg.

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

4 Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §3203 is enacted to read:

6 §3203. Organization of schools in unorganized territory as  
single school administrative district

8 The following provisions apply to the formation,  
10 reorganization and per-pupil cost of a single school  
12 administrative district covering the schools in the unorganized  
territory.

14 1. Formation. Notwithstanding the provisions in chapter  
16 103 prescribing the formation of school administrative districts,  
the commissioner shall organize and operate schools in the  
unorganized territory as a single school administrative district.

18 2. Reorganization; limitation. Reorganization may not  
20 include a direct transfer of current staff from existing schools  
to the new school administrative district. The new district may  
reduce the costs of education by hiring staff on new terms.

22 3. Per-pupil cost; limitation. The per-pupil cost in the  
24 school administrative district may not exceed the state average.

26 SUMMARY

28 This bill requires the Commissioner of Education to form and  
30 operate a single school administrative district covering the  
schools in the unorganized territory in order to reduce the cost  
32 of education. It further requires that the per-pupil cost in the  
new district not exceed the state average.  
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