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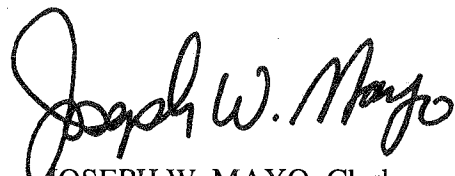
No. 846

H.P. 621

House of Representatives, February 6, 1997

**An Act to Have One Standard of Measurement for School State
Assessment Examinations.**

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


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative SKOGLUND of St. George.
Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland and
Representatives: BOLDUC of Auburn, DESMOND of Mapleton, DEXTER of Kingfield,
GAGNE of Buckfield, PIEH of Bremen, SAVAGE of Union, STEDMAN of Hartland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §6204, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 1987, c. 662, §1, is further amended to read:

6 **1. State profile report.** The commissioner shall annually report the results of the state assessment program with regard to
8 the general performance profile of the students of the ~~state's~~
State's elementary and secondary schools.

10 A. When a report is made under this subsection for purposes
12 of comparative analysis, the reporting mechanisms and the
14 categories reported shall ~~must~~ be uniform for each school.
16 Only one standard of measurement may be used and comparative
analysis of student performance may not include profiles of
socio-economic status.

18 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §6204, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 1987, c.
20 662, §2, is amended to read:

22 **2. School profile reports.** The commissioner shall also
24 provide each participating school with a profile of student
achievement based upon data from the assessment program.

26 A. Every profile provided under this subsection shall ~~must~~
28 use reporting mechanisms and categories ~~which~~ that are
30 uniform for each school. Comparative analysis of student
performance may not include profiles of socio-economic
status.

32 **SUMMARY**

34 This bill prohibits the practice of using socio-economic
36 status comparison bands in the state educational assessment
38 program. State and school profile reports may only use
categories that are uniform for each school in comparing student
performance.