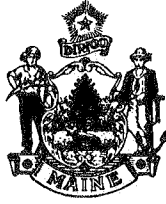


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House of Representatives, February 6, 1997

An Act to Prohibit the State from Dictating Educational Curricula.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative VEDRAL of Buxton.
Cosponsored by Representatives: FOSTER of Gray, JOY of Crystal, LANE of Enfield,
LEMKE of Westbrook, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, TREADWELL of Carmel, TRUE of
Fryeburg, Senator: KIEFFER of Aroostook.

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

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Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §2, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

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4. Local control of curricula. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, authority to establish educational curricula is vested in the legislative and governing bodies of local school administrative units and in the parents and teachers of those local school administrative units.

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Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §4704, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 859, Pt. C, §§5 and 7, is repealed.

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Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §4705, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 859, Pt. C, §§5 and 7, is amended to read:

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§4705. Courses prescribed by local boards

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The school board of each school administrative unit may ~~shall~~ prescribe ~~instructional requirements in addition to minimum state requirements, subject to approval by the commissioner~~ the basic courses of study for the elementary and secondary schools, consistent with the requirements of this chapter, and may include minimum time requirements and performance standards.

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SUMMARY

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This bill places the control over educational curricula with local school administrative units.