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# 121st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 707

In Senate, February 19, 2004

**An Act To Require School Administrative Units To Report Their  
Costs for Legal, Consulting and Other Professional Services to the  
Department of Education**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Joy J. O'Brien'.

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRENNAN of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative KANE of Saco and  
Senators: President DAGGETT of Kennebec, DOUGLASS of Androscoggin, EDMONDS of  
Cumberland, MARTIN of Aroostook, MAYO of Sagadahoc, TURNER of Cumberland,  
Representatives: MURPHY of Kennebunk, PINGREE of North Haven.

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

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**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1055, sub-§9**, as amended by PL 1983, c. 859, Pt. A, §§4 and 25, is further amended to read:

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**9. Report to the commissioner.** The superintendent shall annually report, under oath, to the commissioner before a date established by the commissioner, concerning the operation of the school unit. The report shall must contain:

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A. The amount appropriated and expended on elementary and secondary education in the preceding fiscal year;

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B. The number of weeks schools were open;

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C. The number of students registered;

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D. The average attendance;

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E. The amount received for tuition; and

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E-1. An itemized report of all fees and expenses incurred or paid for legal, consulting and other professional services; and

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F. Other information required by rule adopted by the commissioner to demonstrate compliance with the requirements of this Title.

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**SUMMARY**

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This bill requires local school units to provide an itemized report of all expenditures for legal, consulting and other professional services.

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