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H.P. 734

House of Representatives, February 26, 2019

An Act To Provide Consistent Data Regarding Education Funding

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative STEARNS of Guilford.
Cosponsored by Representatives: DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, KORNFELD of Bangor,
PIERCE of Falmouth, SAMPSON of Alfred.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §255, sub-§5, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and
3 8, is amended to read:

4 C. Disseminate this information by outlines, suggestions and directions concerning
5 the management, discipline and methods employed in teaching to teachers and school
6 officers of the State; ~~and~~

7 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §255, sub-§5, ¶D**, as amended by PL 1983, c. 859, Pt. B,
8 §§2 and 4, is further amended to read:

9 D. Do all in the commissioner's power to awaken and sustain an interest in
10 education among the people and to stimulate school officers, teachers and other
11 educational personnel to well directed efforts in their work; and

12 **Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §255, sub-§5, ¶E** is enacted to read:

13 E. Annually post on the department's publicly accessible website statewide historical
14 financial data on the State's education funding. The data must be organized to allow
15 for ease and consistency in comparing categories from year to year for a period of no
16 less than 10 years and must include appropriate annotations to reflect changes in
17 calculation methodology and statute or other anomalies affecting comparative
18 outcomes.

19 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill directs the Commissioner of Education to annually post on the Department
21 of Education's publicly accessible website statewide historical financial data on education
22 funding for a period of no less than 10 years.