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H.P. 633

House of Representatives, March 11, 2025

**An Act to Establish the Community Partnerships with Public School
Systems Grant Program**

Received by the Clerk of the House on March 7, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin and
Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, GATTINE of Westbrook, GRAMLICH of Old
Orchard Beach, MOONEN of Portland, MURPHY of Scarborough, SACHS of Freeport,
SALISBURY of Westbrook, STOVER of Boothbay.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §14** is enacted to read:

3 **§14. Community Partnerships with Public School Systems Grant Program**

4 The Community Partnerships with Public School Systems Grant Program is established
5 in the department to encourage the creation of partnerships between public and private
6 colleges and universities, community action agencies or equivalent agencies and public
7 school systems. The program must provide grants for the purpose of offering services and
8 addressing issues related to mental health, public health, staff development or other issues
9 identified by the community or schools.

10 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
11 allocations are made.

12 **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**
13 **School and Community Partnerships N502**

14 Initiative: Provides one-time funds for grants to public schools and community partners
15 including colleges and universities, community action agencies or other equivalent
16 agencies for the purpose of offering services and addressing issues related to mental health,
17 public health, staff development or other issues identified by the community or schools.

18 GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
19 All Other	\$500,000	\$0
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21 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$500,000	\$0

22 **SUMMARY**

23 This bill establishes the Community Partnerships with Public School Systems Grant
24 Program in the Department of Education to encourage the creation of partnerships between
25 public and private colleges and universities, community action agencies or equivalent
26 agencies and public school systems. It requires the program to provide grants for the
27 purpose of offering services and addressing issues related to mental health, public health,
28 staff development or other issues identified by the community or schools. It also makes a
29 one-time appropriation of \$500,000 in fiscal year 2025-26 to support the program.