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CHAPTER 142

H.P. 720 - L.D. 1030

AN ACT to Amend the Effective Dates of
Various Parts of the Education Reforms
Enacted in September 1984.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, there is a need for the immediate planning and adoption of rules for the implementation of the new school approval requirements which take effect August 1, 1985, however, the authority to adopt the rules does not become effective until August 1, 1985; and

Whereas, students graduating in June of 1989 from secondary schools must meet new secondary school graduation requirements which do not take effect until August 1, 1988; and

Whereas, school administrative units must adopt their budgets for fiscal year 1986 in accordance with the School Finance Act of 1985, but lack the authority to do so because the School Finance Act of 1985 does not become effective until July 1, 1985; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. PL 1983, c. 859, Part A, §25 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Sec. 25. Effective date. This Part is effective immediately, although schools will not have to comply with these standards until August 1, 1985. The commissioner may grant up to an additional 2 years for compliance to those school administrative units for which he finds a financial hardship.

Sec. 2. PL 1983, c. 859, Part C, §7, first ¶ is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Sec. 7. Effective date. This Part shall take effect immediately, although students who graduate prior to August 1, 1988, will not have to meet the graduation requirements established in this Part. The commissioner may grant up to 2 additional years beyond August 1, 1988, for compliance to those school administrative units for which the commissioner finds:

Sec. 3. PL 1983, c. 859, Part G, §4 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Sec. 4. Effective date. Section 1 shall take effect July 1, 1985. Section 2 shall take effect immediately for the purpose of preparing reports and budgets and assessing taxes for the school fiscal year beginning July 1, 1985. To the extent that there is any conflict between the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapters 605 and 606, the conflict shall be resolved in favor of chapter 605 until it is repealed on July 1, 1985.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective May 7, 1985.

CHAPTER 143

H.P. 650 - L.D. 920

AN ACT Pertaining to the Terms of Members of
Transit District Boards.

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

30 MRSA §4972, last ¶, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 36, is amended to read:

Notwithstanding this section, the board of directors of the Greater Portland Transit District, presently comprised of the Cities of Portland and Westbrook, shall consist of 5 directors appointed from the City of Portland and 3 directors appointed