

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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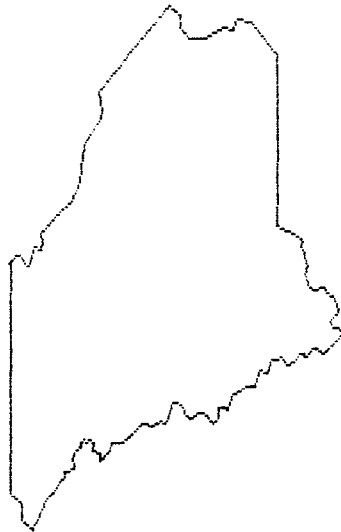


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STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
**E d u c a t i o n**

BILL SUMMARY



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1404 AN ACT TO ADDRESS SCHOOL Thompson ENACT. PL 576  
FAILURE IN KINDERGARTEN AND  
EARLY ELEMENTARY GRADES

SUMMARY: The bill helps reduce class sizes in grades K-3 with the intent of improving the educational program at that level and of reducing the possibility of early school failure.

1588 AN ACT TO REFORM THE SCHOOL Indef. PP  
FINANCE ACT

SUMMARY: The bill rectifies the different inequalities experienced by units spending above and below the state per pupil average. It increases the State share of local leeway to 40%. Finally, it provides a one year inflation update for categorical programs.

D. HOLDOVER

1688 AN ACT TO REVISE THE SCHOOL STUDY ORDER  
FINANCE ACT

IV. TEACHERS

A. ENACTED

772 AN ACT TO APPLY UNIFORM PENAL- Allen ENACT. PL 39  
TIES FOR LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINIS-  
TRATIVE UNITS THAT EMPLOY  
UNCERTIFIED PERSONNEL

SUMMARY: Presently, the state could only reduce the State subsidy to units employing uncertified teachers. In doing so it would punish all teachers and students. The bill allows the Commissioner of Education to revoke the certificate of a superintendent who hires an uncertified teacher and requires the teacher to return the salary paid out to the school unit.

1691 AN ACT CONCERNING CONFIDENTIAL Clerk, N ENACT. PL 470  
RECORDS AND STATE CERTIFICATION  
OF EDUCATIONAL PERSONNEL

SUMMARY: The bill specifies the grounds under which a teacher's certificate can be revoked - physical and sexual abuse, fraud criminal offenses and gross incompetence. It also clarifies the commissioner's access to confidential records.

B. NOT PASSED

468 AN ACT TO INCREASE REIMBURSE- Cox LV/WD  
MENT FOR PROFESSIONAL CREDITS  
FOR TEACHERS