

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 948

H. P. 705

House of Representatives, February 18, 1971

Referred to Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Woodbury of Gray.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

**AN ACT Permitting Cooperative Agreements among Units for Special
Educational Purposes.**

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

R. S., T. 20, § 309, additional. Title 20 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 309, to read as follows:

§ 309. Cooperative agreements for special purposes

The State Board of Education is authorized to prepare agreements and certify cooperative boards for the purpose of performing specific educational functions. The school committees or boards of directors of various administrative units may file an application with the board for the purpose of entering a cooperative agreement to carry out a specified educational function. The agreement shall be prepared by the board and shall be submitted to the citizens of each municipality for acceptance or rejection. The meetings shall be held in the same manner as is provided in Title 30, sections 2061 to 2064, and for cities in accordance with Title 21. If the agreement is approved by a majority vote of those voting in each of the units involved, the board shall issue a certificate to a cooperative board as defined. The agreement prepared by the board shall specify the specific educational functions to be accomplished, the method of sharing costs in carrying out the functions, the number of board members which represent each unit on the cooperative board, and other specifications which may be necessary for a specific agreement. Membership on the cooperative board shall consist of the superintendents of schools of the participating units and board members chosen from each school committee or board of directors by its membership.

A cooperative board shall have the right to accept and administer federal funds for the specific educational function which is authorized. The cooperative board shall annually determine the cost of carrying out the specific educational function and shall assess the cost to the assessors of the member units in the same fashion as is set out in section 305.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The intent of this bill is to provide a means for administrative units to enter cooperative agreements to carry out such functions as special education of handicapped children, certain types of vocational education and special testing services, for example.