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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
106TH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B " to S.P. 62, L.D. 165, Bill, "AN ACT
Relating to Bilingual and Bicultural Education."

Amend said Bill in the Title by striking out the words
"and Bicultural"

Further amend said Bill by striking out everything after the
enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

'R. S., T. 20, §102, sub-§ 16, amended. The 2nd paragraph
of subsection 16 of section 102 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes,
as enacted by section 2 of chapter 234 of the public laws of 1969,
is amended to read as follows:

Subject to the annual approval, ~~annually~~, of the commissioner, the
school committee or school directors of any administrative district
having a high concentration of such children may provide early
childhood programs involving bilingual education techniques designed
to provide these children during ~~their-preschool,-kindergarten-and~~
~~first-and-2nd-grades~~ not more than 5 years of the education of
each child with educational experiences which will enhance their
learning and-earning potential. Bilingual instructors shall be subject
to section 59 requiring certification of teachers by the State Board of
Education, in both course content and language of instruction.'

(Filing No. H-161)

Statement of Fact

Many children enter school in Maine without a command of the English language and are seriously handicapped throughout their formal education when they are forced to learn in a curriculum taught entirely in English. Bilingualism is important if a non-English speaking child is to develop an understanding of the English language.

Filed by Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake.

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