

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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S. P. 99

In Senate, January 18, 1973

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Katz of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Educational Research.

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

R. S., T. 20, § 3731, amended. Section 3731 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 2 of chapter 496 of the public laws of 1969 and as amended, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read as follows:

From the aid computed for each unit shall be deducted a sum equal to .0015 of such aid not to exceed \$1 per resident pupil as defined in section 3732, for allocation by the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services on approval of the State Board of Education for educational research and development activities in elementary and secondary schools in the State.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Social, economic and technological changes require evaluation of the effectiveness of educational methods and procedures and accountability for funds expended at both the State and local level. Systematic research and development is essential in order to meet the needs of Maine youth. Research and development programs are designed to facilitate the exploration of ideas which will increase effectiveness of school programs.

The program is to be a cooperative effort linking local school staff with research specialists and consultants in the department and university system. It is to be an integral component of a comprehensive state-wide planning system undertaken and directed by the Department of Educational and Cultural Services.