

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
106TH LEGISLATURE

SENATE AMENDMENT "B" S.P. 400, L.D. 1205, Bill, "AN ACT to
Provide Maine Students with Benefits of Environmental Education."

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

97 Sec. 1. R. S., T. 20, §1233, additional. Title 20 of the Revised
Statutes is amended by adding a new section 1233 to read as follows:
§1233. Environmental education

1. Purpose and intent. The Legislature finds and declares
that in order to better prepare present and future generations to
meet the challenges arising from man's relationship to his environ-
ment, it is desirable that all schools of Maine provide instruction
in environmental education. It is the purpose of this section to
create a knowledgeable and motivated citizenry capable of bequeath-
ing a healthy world to future generations. Environmental education
is a lifelong multidisciplinary process which helps develop a philos-
ophy of man as a part of nature. It focuses on total human environ-
ment. It includes the interrelationship of population, pollution,
resource allocation and depletion and urban and rural planning. It
is based on broad ecological concepts taught through inquiry and
issue-oriented methods utilizing local examples.

In addition, the Legislature declares it to be in the public
interest, for the public benefit and for the good order of the people
of the State that the Department of Educational and Cultural Services
and the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services shall promote
the instruction of environmental education and that a position within

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the Department of Educational and Cultural Services shall be created committed exclusively to carrying out the purposes of this section.

2. Staff position for environmental education. The Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services shall employ a State Consultant on Environmental Education within the Department of Educational and Cultural Services and shall provide necessary supportive services to carry out the purposes of this section. The Consultant on Environmental Education shall have advanced graduate training and teaching experience in environmental studies and shall have broad knowledge of Maine's natural and human environment and shall assist the school systems in Maine in developing and maintaining environmental education programs.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Educational and Cultural Services the sum of \$37,500 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown is as follows:

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EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT OF

State Consultant on Environmental Education

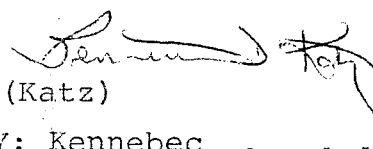
Personal Services (2) \$20,000

All Other 17,500

\$37,500

Statement of Fact

The intent of this legislation is specifically stated within the bill.


(Katz)

NAME:

COUNTY: Kennebec

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