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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1304

House of Representatives, March 29, 1973

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

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Ferris of Waterville.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Providing for Drug Education in the Public Schools.

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

R. S., T. 20, c. 109, sub-c. VI, additional. Chapter 109 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new subchapter VI to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER VI
DRUG EDUCATION

§ 1191. Short title

This subchapter shall be known and may be cited as the Drug Education Act of 1973.

§ 1192. Purpose

In order to more thoroughly educate the youth of the State of Maine in matters of narcotic addiction and drug abuse, and to more completely acquaint them with those public laws which govern the use of narcotics, it shall be the purpose of this Act to provide for a program of drug education in the public schools of the State of Maine.

§ 1193. Definitions

As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the following words shall have the following meanings:

1. Abuse. "Abuse" means the improper use of a substance which causes physical ill treatment;

2. **Addiction.** "Addiction" means the state of being given over to a habit of the taking of a substance;

3. **Drug.** "Drug" means any substance or preparation that will induce an unnatural state of mind or body;

4. **Narcotic.** "Narcotic" means any substance, which in moderate doses allays sensibility, relieves pain and produces profound sleep, but in poisonous doses produces stupor, coma or convulsions.

§ 1194. Program established

It shall be the duty of the superintending school committees or school directors of the several administrative units of the State to make provision for the organization and development of adequate drug education programs and to require the teaching of these subjects to all pupils in the public junior high schools and the public senior high schools of the State in accordance with a course of study and plans of lessons and instruction prepared by the commissioner, who shall prescribe such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out in a successful manner said program of drug education.

§ 1195. Reports

The commissioner may require such reports from the superintendents as he may deem necessary to ensure that all pupils in the public junior high schools and the public senior high schools of the State have been educated in matters of narcotic addiction and drug abuse and the public laws which govern the use of narcotics.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this Act is reflected in section 1192 above. No additional funds are required.