

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 841

House of Representatives, March 12, 1975

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Greenlaw of Stonington.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FIVE

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AN ACT to Provide for a Line Budget Procedure for All School Systems.

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

Sec. 1. 20 MRSA § 226, sub-§ 3, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 783, § 6, is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

The school budget shall be prepared by specific line categories with a specific amount for each category and each category shall be included in a separate warrant. The categories shall include: administration; teacher salaries; textbooks and supplies; attendance services; health services; transportation; operation of plant and equipment; maintenance of plant and equipment; fixed charges; food services; student body activities; community services; capital outlay from current funds; debt service; tuition and adult education. Whenever any specific appropriation for a specific line category shall prove insufficient to pay the required expenditures for which the appropriation was made, the directors may authorize transfer from any other specific line appropriation to meet such expenditures, provided the authorization is in writing approved and signed by  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the directors.

Sec. 2. 20 MRSA § 362, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 132, § 4, is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

The school budget shall be prepared by specific line categories with a specific amount for each category and each category shall be included in a separate warrant. The categories shall include: administration; teacher salaries; textbooks and supplies; attendance services; health services; transportation; operation of plant and equipment; maintenance of plant and equipment; fixed charges; food services; student body activities; community services; capital

outlay from current funds; debt service; tuition and adult education. Whenever any specific appropriation for a specific line category shall prove insufficient to pay the required expenditures for which the appropriation was made, the trustees may authorize transfer from any other specific line appropriation to meet such expenditures, provided the authorization is in writing approved and signed by  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the trustees.

Sec. 3. 20 MRSA § 3716, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 783, § 42, is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

The school budget shall be prepared by specific line categories with a specific amount for each category and each category shall be included in a separate warrant. The categories shall include: administration; teacher salaries; textbooks and supplies; attendance services; health services; transportation; operation of plant and equipment; maintenance of plant and equipment; fixed charges; food services; student body activities; community services; capital outlay from current funds; debt service; tuition and adult education. Whenever any specific appropriation for a specific line category shall prove insufficient to pay the required expenditures for which the appropriation was made, the superintending school committee may authorize transfer from any other specific line appropriation to meet such expenditures, provided the authorization is in writing approved and signed by  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the superintending school committee.

Sec. 4. Effective date. This Act shall become effective January 1, 1977.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to require all public, elementary and secondary school systems to use specific line item budgeting procedures. It will enable the school legislative body to vote on specific items in the budget rather than simply on the block grant basis.