

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1920

H. P. 1667

House of Representatives, June 5, 1975

Approved for introduction by a Majority of the Committee on Reference of Bills pursuant to Joint Rule 10. Referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Leonard of Woolwich.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Funding of Richmond Schools for 1975.

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

Sec. 1. State grant for school funding. Notwithstanding any provision of statute to the contrary, the Town of Richmond school department is granted for calendar year 1975 only the sum of \$22,000 with the provision that the Richmond citizens vote to match the state appropriation by raising \$11,000 in addition to the state assessed uniform tax and the 2½ mills local leeway appropriation.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$22,000 for distribution to the Richmond school department by the Department of Educational and Cultural Services in calendar year 1975.

1975-76

EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT OF

Education—General Purpose Aid for Local Schools

All Other

\$22,000

STATEMENT OF FACT

In 1972, the voters of Richmond voted to construct a new Junior High School facility to replace the Emerson (Circa 1880) Grammar School. This vote was taken prior to the passing of L. D. 1994 and its related benefits. At

the town meeting of March, 1974, the voters passed a budget increasing the offering to its youth to include new programs — Industrial Arts, Home Economics, Physical Education, Guidance, Librarian and Vocational Special Education, plus its related ancillary services. At the time of the passing of the budget for 1974, it was assumed that L. D. 1994 would continue. L. D. 1994 contained provisions for the funding of the above-mentioned programs.

Now, after passage of the 1975 Richmond budget, L. D. 1452 was passed which delays the funding of the above-mentioned new programs. This leaves the school department the alternative of seeking another source of funds or **curtailing programs** at Richmond Junior High School which are common to surrounding schools and thereby denying Richmond students of an equal educational opportunity which the youths of its neighboring towns take for granted.