

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 85

S. P. 42

In Senate, January 13, 1977

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

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Cummings of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Provide Staff Development Funds to Certain Private or Public Nonprofit Agencies Involved with Educational Activities for Teachers.

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

20 MRSA § 2404, 1st ¶, last sentence, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 38, is amended to read:

The commissioner may provide preservice and in-service education activities for teachers in general adult education using not more than 5% of the funds appropriated for reimbursement to administrative units **or other suitable private or public nonprofit agencies** for evening schools, day schools, classes and educational activities for adults.

STATEMENT OF FACT

H.O.M.E. Learning Center has made use of staff development funds in the past and needs them to enable the organization to continue to provide a quality education to its students. At present, for instance, it is administering a grant for a series of workshops open to adult educators both at H.O.M.E. and other adult education institutions around the State using Tony Montanaro of the Celebration Mime Theatre. This is an experimental program which appears to be highly successful and which may lead to similar programs for other teachers throughout the State. It also has significant needs for in-service training in the future, and are particularly anxious to launch a project to help its craft instructors improve their teaching techniques. Therefore, this bill amends the law to enable use of state funds for staff development, as has been the procedure in the past.