

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 602

S. P. 204

In Senate, February 24, 1977

Referred to the Committee on Education. Sent down for concurrence and 2,000 copies ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Morrell of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Extend the Effective Date of Sections of the School Finance Act of 1976 Allowing Local Administration Units to Raise and Expend Additional Funds and to Exclude Such Funds From Computation Made Pursuant to that Act.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the section of the School Finance Act of 1976, which provides for the additional raising and expending by administration units of funds for education expires on June 30, 1977; and

Whereas, legislative enactment without an emergency would delay enactment until after June 30, 1977; and

Whereas, it is in the best interest of the State to provide for the raising and expending of funds for educational purposes by local educational administrative units; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 20 MRSA § 3749, sub-§ 1, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 660, § 2, is amended to read:

1. Local addition to allocation of state funds. In addition to the allocation of state funds provided by this chapter and such appropriation that may

be made under section 3748, subsection 4, any administrative unit may raise and expend any further funds for educational purposes, and the further funds shall be excluded in any computations made pursuant to this chapter.

Sec. 2. 20 MRSA § 3749, sub-§ 3, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 746, § 24-V, is further amended to read:

3. Effective date. Subsection 1 shall be in effect from July 1, 1976 until June 30, ~~1977~~ 1978.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would make effective for an additional year that portion of the School Finance Act of 1976 which provides for the raising and spending of local funds in addition to allocations of state funds. It would further provide that these excess funds shall not be used in calculations made under the Act.