

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 984

H. P. 809

House of Representatives, March 15, 1977

On motion of Mr. Lynch of Livermore Falls referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Mitchell of Vassalboro.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Clarify Transportation Reimbursement to Local School Systems.

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

Whereas, there is widespread confusion over which transportation items are subsidizable under the School Finance Act of 1976 and which are not; and

Whereas, this confusion is causing many hardships to school administrative units; and

Whereas, a simple definition of which items can be subsidized would make the program more understandable for the people; 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:

20 MRSA § 3748, sub-§ 1, ¶ C, sub-¶ (3), as enacted by PL 1975, c. 660, § 2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

(3) Transportation of pupils, including the purchase of buses. Reimbursement for transportation operating costs shall be 100% of the actual expenditures for transporting elementary students who live 2 or more miles from their school and secondary students who live 3 or more miles from their school.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

It is the intent of this bill to reduce the cost of transportation by limiting transportation items which may be subsidized and to allow the local units to provide transportation for students who live within these limits as a local option outside of the education budget.