

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1061

H. P. 868

House of Representatives, March 16, 1977

On Motion of Mr. Goodwin of South Berwick, referred to Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Trafton of Auburn.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT to Authorize a School Nursing Health Consultant in the
Department of Educational and Cultural Services.**

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

Sec. 1. 20 MRSA § 1135-A is enacted to read:

§ 1135-A. School nursing health consultant

For the purposes of assisting local educational agencies to comply with this subchapter, and other school health responsibilities, there shall be a school nursing health consultant within the Department of Educational and Cultural Services, who shall serve as the liaison between local school nursing personnel and the Division of Public Health Nursing in the Department of Human Services. The school nursing health consultant shall be licensed as a registered nurse in the State of Maine and shall have education and experience in school health or community nursing.

Sec. 2. **Appropriation.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Educational and Cultural Services the sum of \$20,000 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

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EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF	
Personal Services (1)	\$16,000
All Other	4,000
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Total	\$20,000

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to improve the quality of school health care provided to Maine school children and to provide a specific locus within the educational system where local school authorities and local school nurses may turn for assistance in complying with the myriad of school health requirements.

This bill will provide the Department of Educational and Cultural Services the necessary administrative capability to provide needed assistance to local school nursing personnel.