

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1276

H. P. 1027

House of Representatives, March 24, 1977

On motion of Mrs. Mitchell of Vassalboro, referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and 1,800 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 Relating to the Establishment of a Revolving
Account for Local Educational Assessment.**

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

Whereas, most school administrative units shall adopt their annual budgets prior to June 1st; and

Whereas, testing for the "National Assessment of Educational Progress" is conducted during the fall months of the school year, it is imperative that testing for the "Maine Assessment of Educational Progress" be conducted during these same months so that a meaningful comparison can be made between local, state and national results; 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20 MRSA § 102, 3rd ¶, sub-§ 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1. **General supervision; evaluation plan; revolving account.** To exercise a general supervision of all the public schools and to advise and direct the town committees and superintendents in the discharge of their duties, by circular letters and personal conference, devoting all his time to the duties of his office;

A. The administrative units may participate in a statewide student performance evaluation plan, "Maine Assessment of Educational Progress," by paying to the department an annual fee as set by the commissioner. The fee thus received by the department shall be placed in a special, nonlapsing, revolving account.

(1) The commissioner shall use the money in this account to pay for the costs of administering, analyzing and reporting the results of the evaluations performed on behalf of the participating administrative units.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

Passage of this bill would allow the participation of Maine school systems in the "Maine Assessment of Educational Progress," a statewide sampling of student performance. It would establish a revolving account enabling a school district to reimburse the State for services received during each assessment study. Passage of this bill will not cost the State any money but will result in a small increase in expenditures in those school districts that opt to pay for such services.