

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1068

House of Representatives, March 28, 1977

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Howe of South Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT Concerning the Collection and Use of Social Security Numbers by
Educational Institutions Receiving State Funds.**

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

20 MRSA c. 2 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 2

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SUBCHAPTER 1

PRIVACY

§ 21. Disclosure of social security number

1. Refusal to disclose social security account number. It shall be unlawful for any educational institution receiving state funds to deny to any individual any right, benefit or privilege provided by law because of that individual's refusal to disclose his social security account number.

2. Exceptions. The provisions of subsection 1 shall not apply with respect to:

A. Any disclosure which is required by federal or state statute.

3. Mandatory or voluntary disclosure. Any educational institution receiving State funds which requests an individual to disclose his social security account number shall inform that individual whether that disclosure is mandatory or voluntary, by what statutory or other authority that number is solicited and what uses will be made of it.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to restrict the use of social security numbers as personal identification numbers by schools receiving State funds. Many persons today believe the expanding use of social security numbers constitute a threat to their personal privacy.