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# ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1720**

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H. P. 1466

House of Representatives, April 25, 1977

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Mitchell of Vassalboro.

Cosponsor: Mr. Spencer of Standish.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT to Provide for Adult Education for Certain Students under the Provisions of the School Finance Act of 1976.**

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

**Sec. 1.** 20 MRSA § 2404, as amended by PL 1969, c. 448, is further amended by adding after the first sentence a new sentence to read:

Any reimbursement provided by the State for instruction and activities contributing to learning in adult education classes shall be reduced by the amount received by the unit under chapter 512-A for adult education pupils as defined in section 3743, subsection 4-A.

**Sec. 2.** 20 MRSA § 3743, sub-§§ 4-A, 4-B and 4-C are enacted to read:

**4-A.** Adult education pupil for subsidy purposes. "Adult education pupil for subsidy purposes" means any person over 16 years of age and under 20 years of age on or before October 15th of the school year who is not in attendance at another public school.

**4-B.** Average adult education per credit costs. "Average adult education per credit costs" shall be computed by dividing the costs attributable to adult education pupils for subsidy purposes for the base year by the number of adult education credits offered to adult education pupils for subsidy purposes in the base year.

**4-C.** Credit. "Credit" means the award given for successful completion of an activity for adult education pupils for subsidy purposes in an approved adult education program of 45 to 90 hours leading toward the high

school diploma. For students who are enrolled but do not receive a credit or credits, the subsidy shall be prorated according to the services actually provided.

Sec. 3. 20 MRSA § 3743, sub-§ 13, 1st ¶, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 660, § 2, is amended to read:

13. **Actual education costs.** "Actual education costs" shall mean the total of paragraphs A to ~~H~~ H-1.

Sec. 4. 20 MRSA § 3743, sub-§ 13, ¶ H-1 is enacted to read:

H-1. **Adult education pupil for subsidy purposes costs;**

Sec. 5. 20 MRSA § 3743, sub-§ 17 is enacted to read:

17. **Basic adult education for subsidy purposes per credit operating rate.** "Basic adult education for subsidy purposes per credit operating rate" shall mean the rate established by the Legislature in section 3747, subsection 2-A for the purpose of computing unit allocations under section 3748.

Sec. 6. 20 MRSA § 3744, sub-§ 1, ¶ H-1 is enacted to read:

H-1. **Adult education pupil for subsidy purposes costs;**

Sec. 7. 20 MRSA § 3747, sub-§ 2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. **Basis adult education for subsidy purposes per credit operating rate.** Establish the basic adult education for subsidy purposes per credit operating rate;

Sec. 8. 20 MRSA § 3747, sub-§ 3, ¶ B-1 is enacted to read:

B-1. **Adult operating;**

Sec. 9. 20 MRSA § 3748, sub-§ 1, ¶ B, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 746, § 24-G, is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

Multiply the average number of adult education credits for subsidy purposes offered in the unit in the calendar year immediately prior to the year of allocation by the basic adult education for subsidy purposes per credit operating rate as established in section 3747.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

Presently, local units are not reimbursed under the School Finance Act for pupils in adult education classes who are between the ages of 16 and 20. Pupils in this same age range who are enrolled in regular day classes do generate reimbursements to the unit under the School Finance Act. The purpose of this bill is to reimburse local units under the School Finance Act for all students between the ages of 16 and 20.

This bill would require the Legislature to establish a per credit rate for reimbursement purposes for adult education students between 16 and 20, just as it now establishes such rates for elementary and secondary students.