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Office of the Clerk of the House

The Committee on Education suggested. Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Miss Brown of Bethel.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-EIGHT

AN ACT to Authorize Magalloway Plantation to Raise Funds for Secondary School Board for the 1977-78 School Year in Excess of Statutory Maximums.

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

Whereas, Magalloway Plantation, having no suitable secondary school facilities of its own, currently boards its secondary school pupils at Fryeburg Academy; and

Whereas, it has come to the attention of the Department of Educational and Cultural Services that the amount paid for board by Magalloway Plantation per pupil to Fryeburg Academy exceeds the per pupil amount allowed by statute; and

Whereas, Magalloway Plantation presently has insufficient funds to pay Fryeburg Academy the amount due for the students' board; and

Whereas, unless special legislative authorization is given to Magalloway Plantation to raise additional needed funds, these students must be transferred in the middle of a school year to a new secondary school; and

Whereas, this abrupt transfer would cause hardship to the students and to their families and might result in an unnecessary educational delay if transfer to a new school could not be immediately arranged; and

Whereas, it is the intent of this Act to grant Magalloway Plantation the authority to raise funds to continue these students in Fryeburg Academy for the remainder of the present

academic year and to permit the plantation sufficient time to adequately plan the transfer of its pupils to another secondary school; 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:

Magalloway Plantation; additional funding for secondary school board authorized. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other statutes, the Plantation of Magalloway is authorized to raise and appropriate funds from local tax sources in excess of \$25 per week per pupil for the purpose of paying the board of secondary school pupils during the 1977-78 school year only.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

The basic reason for this bill is set forth in the emergency preamble. It should be noted that the additional funds to be raised by Magalloway Plantation under the bill will not be eligible for state reimbursement.