

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
108TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT " A" to H.P. 1934, L.D. 2005, Bill,  
"AN ACT to Provide Funding for Programs to Aid School  
Administrative Units to Identify and Provide Special  
Educational Programs for Gifted and Talented Children."

Amend the Bill by striking out everything after  
the amending clause of section 2 and inserting in its  
place the following:

'CHAPTER 409

GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN

§3301. Purpose

The Legislature recognizes that gifted and talented  
children, who comprise approximately 3% to 5% of Maine's  
school-age youth, require differentiated education programs  
and services beyond those normally provided by the regular  
school program in order to realize their contribution to  
themselves and to society.

§3302. Grants to school administrative units

The department may, from funds available to it, make  
grants of funds for a fiscal year to school administrative  
units to enable those units to undertake special education  
programs for those children. Any grant shall be made  
on the basis of \$2 of state matching funds for each \$1 of  
funds appropriated by a school administrative unit.

1. Guidelines for the identification of gifted and  
talented children. The department shall promulgate guidelines

for the indentification of gifted and talented children and for special education programs for these children. In addition, the department may provide technical assistance to school administrative units for planning for special education programs for those children.

2. Programs for gifted and talented<sup>children</sup>. Any school administrative unit desiring funds to undertake a special program for these children shall develop, in accordance with state guidelines, a proposed program of identification and special education of gifted and talented children in that unit.

3. Proposed program. The unit shall, on or before February 1st of each year, submit to the Division of Special Education, Department of Educational and Cultural Services, its proposed program of identification and special education. The division shall, by May 15th of each year, notify those school administrative units, whose proposals have been funded, of the award of funding for the following fiscal year.

Sec. 3. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act and further it is intended that this be an annual appropriation based on an assessment by the department of the requirements of the local school units.

1978-79EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES,  
DEPARTMENT OF

## Division of Special Education

Personal Services	(2)	\$19,000
All Other		68,000
Capital Expenditures		<u>1,000</u>
Total		\$88,000'

Statement of Fact

The purposes of this amendment are to:

1. Require that any grants are made on the basis of \$2 of state funds for each \$1 of local funds appropriated;
2. Remove definitions of gifted children and high performance;
3. Reduce the appropriation to be consistent with the local contribution requirement; and
4. Remove references to the special education identification process.

(Katz)

NAME: 

COUNTY: Kennebec

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