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S. P. 209

In Senate, February 15, 1979

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

Presented by Senator Hichens of York.

Cosponsors: Senators Silverman of Washington, Carpenter of Aroostook and McBreairty of Aroostook.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Assist School Administrative Units in Addressing Problems
Associated with Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Use and Abuse.**

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

Sec. 1. 20 MRSA c. 109, sub-c. VII is enacted to read:

SUBCHAPTER VII

ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND DRUG EDUCATION PROGRAM

§ 1201. Intent

It is the intent of the Legislature to assign the authority and responsibility for coordinating all alcohol, tobacco and drug education program efforts in school administrative units to the Department of Educational and Cultural Services. It is further the intent of the Legislature to strengthen the department's capacity for providing assistance to school administrative units in solving the problems associated with alcohol, tobacco and drug use and abuse.

§ 1202. Services to administrative units

The department is authorized and directed to plan, establish and maintain programs and services to school administrative units that will:

1. **Provide direct assistance.** Provide direct assistance to school administrative units in solving day to day problems associated with alcohol, tobacco and drug use and abuse;

2. **Assist in development of programs and policies.** Assist school administrative units in the development of programs and policies that will assist those units in the prevention, intervention, management and referral for treatment in instances where problems associated with alcohol, tobacco and drug use and abuse exist:

3. **Provide in-service education and training programs.** Provide in-service education and training programs for school board members, school administrators, teachers, parents and community leaders at the local, regional and state levels;

4. **Coordination of all state authorized efforts.** Assure coordination of all state authorized efforts involving alcohol, tobacco and drug education, prevention, intervention and referral for treatment programs; and

5. **Recruitment and training.** Facilitate the recruitment and training of persons to serve as state and regional resource agents to school administrative units in the areas of alcohol, tobacco and drug education, prevention, intervention and referral for treatment.

§ 1203. Grants and contracts; evaluation; revolving accounts

The department is authorized to solicit and accept grants or gifts of money in order to help meet the intent of this chapter. The moneys, along with state appropriations for these purposes, shall be placed in a special nonlapsing, revolving account to be used for the purposes set forth as provided in this section. Provisions shall be made for a formal evaluation of the value and benefits derived from the use of moneys provided for in this section. Moneys received and expended by school administrative units under this section shall be excluded from further reimbursement under chapter 515. The department may:

1. **Grants.** Make grants to school administrative units to support the development of alcohol, tobacco and drug education, intervention, prevention and referral for treatment programs; and

2. **Contracts.** Enter into contracts with institutions, organizations, public or private agencies and individuals for the purpose of providing assistance and services to school administrative units to assist in meeting the intent of this chapter:

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds shall be appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1979-80	1980-91
EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES,		
DEPARTMENT OF		
Positions	(3)	(3)
Personal Services	\$45,048	\$47,268
All Other	152,500	153,000
Total	<u>\$197,548</u>	<u>\$200,268</u>

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide the Department of Educational and Cultural Services with the authority, responsibility and resources to undertake program services and to coordinate alcohol, tobacco and drug education efforts in Maine school systems. At the present time, there is a lack of coordination and an absence of sufficient state support for providing school systems with the assistance and support to address the rapidly increasing problems associated with alcohol, tobacco and drug use and abuse.

The appropriation requested under this bill would provide 3 positions for the department, an education and training specialist, an intervention and referral specialist and a clerk steno, and would provide for grants and contracts to local school systems and support agencies. It is intended that these grants would be awarded on a competitive basis to one or more school systems within each of 9 designated regions within the State.