

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 730

House of Representatives, March 2, 1979

On Motion of Mr. Connolly of Portland, referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Birt of East Millinocket.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT Authorizing the State Board of Education to Receive the Advice of Students.**

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

**Sec. 1. 20 MRSA § 51, sub-§ 1**, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 771, § 169, is further amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

**In addition to this subsection, the board is authorized to develop procedures to assure that they will have available to them the advice of students from the secondary or postsecondary vocational levels. The participation by students shall be advisory only and in accordance with procedures and meeting schedules adopted by the board. The board is further authorized to pay actual expenses for students who attend meetings of the board in accordance with this advisory relationship.**

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

	1979-80	1980-81
EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
State Board of Education		
All Other	\$1,000	\$1,000

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

Many of the policy-making responsibilities of the State Board of Education have a direct impact upon students in the secondary and postsecondary vocational schools. It is the intent of this bill to provide the board with the authority and resources to assure that there is an orderly opportunity for receiving the constructive advice of students on matters of policy that affect them.