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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 1116

H. P. 902

House of Representatives, March 9, 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. Cunningham of New Gloucester.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Relieve Local School Districts from the Impact of Social Services Institutions.

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

20 MRSA § 4749, sub-§ 6, ¶ A, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 625, § 8, is amended to read:

A. If an administrative unit petitions the commissioner and demonstrates that the tuition or board payment to a special education facility for the initial placement of an exceptional child will cause ~~a budgetary hardship~~ **the unit's budget for special education programs operated by the administrative units and for special education tuition and board to exceed 7% of the unit's total budget for the current year**, the commissioner ~~may~~ **shall** adjust the unit's allocation to include up to the amount ~~of the tuition and board payments by which these costs exceed the 7% limit.~~

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to limit the maximum amount which a school administrative unit will have to raise and appropriate in the current year for special education expenditures caused by the initial placement of an exceptional child.