

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1322**

H. P. 1155

House of Representatives, March 26, 1979

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
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**AN ACT to Provide for Reimbursement for Crossing Guards.**

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

Whereas, the change in the school finance law contained in this legislation will benefit all of Maine's school children; and

Whereas, this change shall be in effect on July 1, 1979; 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:

**Sec. 1.** 20 MRSA § 4748, sub-§ 6, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 625, § 8, is amended by adding at the end the following:

**These costs shall include the unit's expenditures for school crossing guards during the base year. Reimbursement for crossing guards shall be limited to 50% of the base year expenditures.**

**Sec. 2. 30 MRSA § 5104, sub-§ 5**, as amended by PL 1973, c. 777, § 1, is further amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:

**Transportation shall include any provisions for crossing guards for school children at these schools.**

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

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill represents a minority recommendation of the Interim Education Finance Commission. The purpose of this bill is to provide reimbursement for crossing guards as a part of transportation costs under the School Finance Act. This item would be reimbursed at a level of 50% of the base year expenditures.