

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-676)  
109TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1182, L.D. 1434, Bill,  
"AN ACT to Provide for Environmental Education."

Amend the Bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 20 MRSA §107 is enacted to read:

§107. Environmental education grants

1. Purpose. It is the intent of the Legislature to encourage a better understanding of man's relationship to his environment by providing opportunities for Maine youth to participate in outdoor residential educational experiences.

2. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms shall have the following meanings.

A. Eligible applicants means the approved schools of Maine.

B. "Outdoor residential educational experiences" means activities associated with a supervised planned program involving outdoor camping coupled with the study of the environment and man's relationship to it.

3. Application process. Applications shall be made to the commissioner on forms provided by him. Applications shall include evidence of approval by the policy-making body of the applicant.

4. State fund limitation. Grants shall be made on the basis of 50% state funds and 50% matching funds provided by the applicant with the maximum annual grant limited to \$500.

5. Evaluations. The commissioner may require submission of evaluations of experiences gained by successful applicants.

6. Rules and regulations. Rules and regulations adopted to implement this section shall be established in accordance with section 21.

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

	<u>1979-80</u>	<u>1980-81</u>
EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
All Other	\$20,000	\$20,000'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to provide funds with 50% matching requirement to encourage outdoor residential experiences for Maine youth. These experiences would provide unique opportunities for environmental education.