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No. 1457

H. P. 1184

House of Representatives, March 26, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Connolly of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Provide for Reimbursement as School-related Costs for the Expenditures by Municipalities for Snow Removal Along Designated School Walking Routes for Pedestrian Students.

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

Sec. 1. 20 MRSA § 4744, sub-§ 1, ¶L, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 625, § 8, is amended to read:

L. State expenditures for each of paragraphs C through K and P;

Sec. 2. 20 MRSA § 4774, sub-§ 1, ¶P is enacted to read:

P. Cost of reimbursement for snow removal on designated walking routes for pedestrian students.

Sec. 3. 20 MRSA § 4745, sub-§ 2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 625, § 8, is amended to read:

A. The requested funding levels for section 4744, subsection 1, paragraph C; paragraph D, subparagraph (1); and paragraphs E and, K and P; transportation operating costs under paragraph F; and the insured value factor under paragraph G shall be the actual costs for the base year.

Sec. 4. 20 MRSA § 4747, sub-§ 13 is enacted to read:

13. Appropriation for school-related services by municipalities. Appropriate the necessary funds for reimbursement for municipal snow removal services along designated walkways as authorized by section 4750, subsection 9-A.

Sec. 5. 20 MRSA § 4750, sub-§ 9-A is enacted to read:

9-A. Reimbursement for snow removal. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the commissioner shall reimburse at 90% of the expenditures of the base year as reported by the municipal officers on forms provided by the commissioner for snow removal on any designated school walking routes for pedestrian students. The amount reimbursed under this section shall not exceed the level of funds appropriated for this item under section 4747, subsection 13. The municipal officers shall submit documentation demonstrating the amount of money appropriated and expended for that purpose for the base year.

Designated school walking routes shall be those sidewalks or roadside passages within the rights-of-way which have been determined by the town or city manager or the town, in consultation with the superintendent, to be ways in use by a substantial number of students or ways in such locations that their clearance is necessary for the health and welfare of students. The commissioner may issue regulations pertaining to the designation of these routes.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide state reimbursement for municipal expenditures for snow removal along walking routes for pedestrian students. It is intended to aid both large and small municipalities with urban areas where bus transportation is not provided to students but where substantial municipal expenditures for pedestrian student traffic are incurred as the result of heavy snowfalls. The bill is not intended to provide reimbursement for snow removal on streets proper.