

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1401

House of Representatives, May 14, 1979

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

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**AN ACT to Establish the Subsidy Index for Educational Funding for the Fiscal Year 1979-80 and to Appropriate the Necessary Funds Therefor.**

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

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

Whereas, the subsidy index under current law has to be established prior to May 15th; 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. Subsidy index.** The subsidy index for computing 1979-80 local allocations shall be established at 9.6 mills.

**Sec. 2. 20 MRSA § 4750, sub-§ 2, ¶ A,** as enacted by PL 1977, c. 625, § 8, is amended to read:

**A.** The commissioner shall annually, on or before May ~~15th~~ **21st**, notify the school committees or school directors of each administrative unit of the amount allocated to the unit.

**Sec. 3. 20 MRSA § 4751, sub-§ 3, ¶ A, first sentence,** as enacted by PL 1977, c. 625, § 8, is amended to read:

The legislative body of an administrative unit may, in addition to the unit's state-local allocation under sections 4748 and 4749, authorize an additional expenditure for either elementary or secondary pupils, or both, not to exceed a local appropriation for each municipality of 1.3 mills on the state valuation in effect on July 1st or \$125 per pupil, whichever is less, for the ~~1978-79~~ 1979-80 year of distribution.

**Sec. 4. Appropriation.** The following funds shall be appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

**1979-80**

EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT OF

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to establish the subsidy index at 9.6 mills for the fiscal year 1979-80, to adjust the appropriation therefor, and to make changes in present law necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.