

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1975

H. P. 1906

House of Representatives, March 4, 1980

The Committee on Education suggested. Approved for introduction by a Majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27 and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk of the House

Presented by Mr. Bowden of Brooklin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY

AN ACT Concerning Cost-sharing Agreements in School Administrative Districts and Community School Districts.

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

Sec. 1. 20 MRSA § 305, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 690, § 5-A, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

By June 30, 1981, all existing cost-sharing agreements in the districts shall expire. Each district may, prior to June 30, 1981, reconsider its cost sharing agreement and enact a specific agreement, according to the procedure for changing the method of sharing costs in this section. Districts which fail to follow the provisions of this paragraph shall share costs only on the basis of state valuation after June 30, 1981.

Sec. 2. 20 MRSA § 378, sub-§ 2, ¶ D is enacted to read:

D. By June 30, 1981, all existing cost sharing agreements in districts shall expire. Each district may, prior to June 30, 1981, reconsider its cost sharing agreement and enact a specific agreement, according to the procedure for changing the method of sharing costs in this section. District which fail to follow the provisions of this paragraph shall share costs only on the basis of state valuation after June 30, 1981.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would terminate all existing cost-sharing agreements in School Administrative Districts and community school districts by June 30, 1981. It would allow each district, prior to June 30, 1981, to reconsider its cost-sharing arrangement. Each district could enact a new agreement or it could readopt its existing agreement unchanged. Any district which failed to take specific action prior to June 30, 1981 would share costs only on the basis of state valuation after that date.