

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 253**

H. P. 216

House of Representatives, January 14, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. P. Paradis of Augusta.

Cosponsors: Mrs. Thompson of South Portland and Mr. Matthews of Caribou

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

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**AN ACT to Provide for a Course in Consumer Economics in Public High School.**

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

20 MRS A § 1286-A is enacted to read:

**§ 1286-A. Consumer economics**

**Every administrative unit shall provide for a course of study in secondary schools which provides students with a fundamental background in consumer economics, including, but not limited to, subjects such as insurance contracts, investments, interest rates and financial accounts.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill requires school administrative units to provide in the secondary schools a course in consumer education. Schools in other states are offering this course with a great deal of success. The courses prepare students to deal with financial decision-making.