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	(EMERGENCY)	
	FIRST REGULAR SESSION	
ONE	HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGIS	SLATURE
Legislative Do	ument	No. 154
H.P. 1163	House of Repre	sentatives, May 2, 198
pursuant to Join	y the Department of Educational and C t Rule 24. the Committee on Education. Sent up	
Presented by Re	Elepresentative Locke of Sebec. Representative Randall of East Machie	DWIN H. PERT, Clerl as and Senator Hayes
	STATE OF MAINE	
N	IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORI INETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-	
A	N ACT to Identify and to Pr Excellence in Schools.	romote
lature do	cy preamble. Whereas, Acts not become effective unti unless enacted as emergence	il 90 days after
	, federal law has been enac O for the purpose of promot and	
school adm	, it is essential that fund inistrative units at the ool year; and	
these facts the Consti legislation	, in the judgment of the create an emergency within tution of Maine and requirate immediately necessary to the public peace, health a	n the meaning of re the following for the preser-

1 2	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
3	20-A MRSA chapter 306 is enacted to read:
4	CHAPTER 306
5	EXCELLENCE IN SCHOOLS
6	§7601. Purpose
7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20	The Legislature acknowledges the need to identify and promote those characteristics present in excellent schools which have effective teachers, programs, instruction and educational climates. To meet this need, the Legislature encourages the implementation of any methods or techniques which will assist the administrative units in this State to be better able to strive for excellence in each of their schools. §7602. Grants to school administrative units The department shall grant funds, on a competitive basis, to administrative units to implement in their schools programs relating to excellence in schools in accordance with the goals and objectives of this chapter and within the limits of funds made
21 22	available to the department. 1. Rules. The commissioner shall adopt rules
22 23	for the awarding of competitive grants to administra-
24	tive units. The rules shall include, but not be
25	limited to, the following:
26	A. Appropriate closing dates for:
27	(1) Administrative units to submit grant
28	applications;
29	(2) The commissioner to approve the appli-
30	<pre>cations;</pre>
31	(3) The disbursement of funds to approved
32	programs; and
33 34	(4) The filing of program completion reports;

3 4 5	C. Methods of disseminating the results of the programs to all administrative units in the State.
6 7 8 9 10 11	2. State and local division of funds. At least 90% of available state funds shall be awarded to school administrative units and only 10% may be retained for state-sponsored research and administration. Other funds shall be similarly distributed, unless otherwise provided by federal law or by conditions imposed by other donors.
13	§7603. Nonlapsing account
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	Funds made available to the department for programs related to excellence in schools shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year, but shall be carried forward to the next fiscal year for a period of 6 months to be used for the purposes set forth in this chapter. Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.
23	STATEMENT OF FACT
24 25 26 27 28 29 30	This bill effects the implementation of the findings made by a research group headed by the Department of Educational and Cultural Services on the subject of effective practices in Maine's schools. Administrative units would receive funds to place its practices in their schools' programs which will advance the overall goal of excellence in Maine schools.

B. Standards which the commissioner will utilize in approving grant applications; and