

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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H.P. 1163

House of Representatives, May 2, 1983

Submitted by the Department of Educational and Cultural Services pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Locke of Sebec.

Cosponsors: Representative Randall of East Machias and Senator Hayes of Penobscot.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to Identify and to Promote  
Excellence in Schools.

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

Whereas, federal law has been enacted appropriating \$210,000 for the purpose of promoting excellence in schools; and

Whereas, it is essential that funds be awarded to school administrative units at the start of the 1983-84 school year; 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,

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

3 20-A MRSA chapter 306 is enacted to read:

4 CHAPTER 306

5 EXCELLENCE IN SCHOOLS

6 §7601. Purpose

7 The Legislature acknowledges the need to identify  
8 and promote those characteristics present in excel-  
9 lent schools which have effective teachers, programs,  
10 instruction and educational climates. To meet this  
11 need, the Legislature encourages the implementation  
12 of any methods or techniques which will assist the  
13 administrative units in this State to be better able  
14 to strive for excellence in each of their schools.

15 §7602. Grants to school administrative units

16 The department shall grant funds, on a competi-  
17 tive basis, to administrative units to implement in  
18 their schools programs relating to excellence in  
19 schools in accordance with the goals and objectives  
20 of this chapter and within the limits of funds made  
21 available to the department.

22 1. Rules. The commissioner shall adopt rules  
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 cations;

31 (3) The disbursement of funds to approved  
32 programs; and

33 (4) The filing of program completion  
34 reports;

