

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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(EMERGENCY)

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1518

House of Representatives, January 24, 1984

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs is suggested. Ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Mitchell of Vassalboro.

Cosponsors: Representative Chonko of Topsham and Senator Clark of Cumberland.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to Appropriate Funds for  
the Governor's Commission on the Status  
of Education in Maine.

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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, the Governor's State of the State Address of February 22, 1983, called for a renewed commitment by the State to provide quality educational opportunities for Maine people; and

Whereas, the Governor has, by Executive Order 17 fiscal year 1983-84, established a Governor's Commission on the Status of Education in Maine, comprised of eminent and knowledgeable individuals, to review Maine's educational system and identify initiatives to assure that Maine people are best prepared to meet

1 the challenges and opportunities in their future; and

2 Whereas, this commission has been appointed and  
3 has begun this work; and

4 Whereas, in order to carry out this mandate and  
5 fund this commission, funds must be appropriated im-  
6 mediately to the commission; and

7 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,  
8 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of  
9 the Constitution of Maine and require the following  
10 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-  
11 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,  
12 therefore,

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

15 **Appropriation.** The following funds are appropri-  
16 ated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes  
17 of this Act.

18 1983-84

19 EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

20	State Planning Office	
21	Governor's Commission on the	
22	Status of Education in Maine	
23	Positions	(1/2)
24	Personal Services	\$8,000
25	Provides funds for 1/2 time	
26	clerical position.	
27	All Other	17,000
28	Actual expenses for the	
29	support of the commission	
30	and its work.	
31	Total	\$25,000

32 Any unexpended balance remaining at the end of the  
33 fiscal year shall not lapse, but shall be carried

1 forward in a continuing carrying account until June  
2 30, 1985. Any unexpected balance remaining on June  
3 30, 1985, shall be returned to the General Fund.

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

7 STATEMENT OF FACT

8 Executive Order 17 fiscal year 1983-84 estab-  
9 lished the Governor's Commission on the Status of Ed-  
10 ucation in Maine. The 16-member commission has been  
11 appointed and has begun its work. The expenses of  
12 the commission are estimated to be \$25,000. Commis-  
13 sion members serve without per diem compensation.  
14 The commission's work will be finished by June 30,  
15 1985.

16 The State Planning Office is charged to provide  
17 staff support to the commission. The commission's  
18 expenses cannot be absorbed by the general operating  
19 budget of the State Planning Office without a signif-  
20 icant detrimental impact on that agency's overall ef-  
21 fectiveness.

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