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(EMERGENCY)

THIRD SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 2496

H.P. 1901

House of Representatives, September 11, 1984

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

Reference to the Committee on Education suggested.

Under suspension of the rules, read twice and passed to be engrossed without reference to a committee.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Locke of Sebec.

Cosponsor: Senator Hayes of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Create a Special Commission to
Study the Implementation of Educational Reform.

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

Whereas, educational reform measures are being considered and must be implemented now in order to improve the quality of education in Maine; and

Whereas, the implementation of educational reform measures necessarily involves additional costs; and

Whereas, the impact of these additional costs needs to be carefully assessed to determine what they are and their impact on local communities; and

Whereas, it is necessary to begin to assess these costs now rather than to wait until the local communities have felt the brunt of their burden; and

1 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
2 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of
3 the Constitution of Maine and require the following
4 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-
5 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
6 therefore,

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

9 Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §256, sub-§1, as amended by PL
10 1983, c. 859, Pt. B., §3, is further amended to read:

11 1. Report to Governor and Legislature. The com-
12 missioner shall prepare and deliver to the Governor
13 and Legislature an annual report on the status of
14 public education in the State, including any sugges-
15 tions and recommendations to improve public educa-
16 tion.

17 The commissioner ~~shall~~ may be invited by the Speaker
18 of the House of Representatives and the President of
19 the Senate annually, in January, to appear before a
20 joint session of the Legislature to address the Leg-
21 islature on the status of public education in the
22 State and such related matters as the commissioner
23 desires to bring to the Legislature's attention.

24 Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §13510, as enacted by PL 1983,
25 c. 859, Pt. J, §2, shall take effect immediately.

26 Sec. 3. PL 1983, c. 859, Pt. J, §§5 and 6 shall
27 take effect immediately.

28 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency set
29 out in the preamble, sections 2 and 3 of this Act
30 shall take effect when approved.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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The purpose of this bill is to provide that legislation enacted by PL 1983, c. 859, creating a Special Commission to Study the Implementation of Educational Reform take effect immediately. This action is necessary so that the commission may begin its work immediately in order to be able to present its recommendations on the implementation of a variety of reform measures to the Legislature by April 1, 1985.

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