

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE  
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5 Legislative Document

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7 H.P. 163

House of Representatives, January 29, 1985

8 Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and ordered printed.

9 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

10 Presented by Representative Brodeur of Auburn.

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12 STATE OF MAINE  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE  
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17 AN ACT to Provide Teacher Recognition Grants  
18 for Private and Parochial Teachers.  
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
21 follows:

22 Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13502, sub-§1, ¶¶B and C, as  
23 enacted by PL 1983, c. 859, Pt. J, §2, are amended to  
24 read:

25 B. Private secondary schools approved for tui-  
26 tion whose school enrollments are at least 60%  
27 publicly-funded students as determined by the  
28 previous school year's October to April average  
29 enrollment; **and**

30 C. Schools operated by an agency of State Gov-  
31 ernment, including the following:

32 (1) Baxter School for the Deaf;

33 (2) Arthur R. Gould School;

- 1 (3) Pineland State (Berman School); and  
2 (4) Education of children in unorganized  
3 territories; and

4 Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §13502, sub-§1, ¶D is enacted  
5 to read:

6 D. Parochial or private schools where 60% or  
7 more of the students are Maine residents receiv-  
8 ing equivalent instruction under section 5001,  
9 subsection 2, paragraph D.

10 STATEMENT OF FACT

11 Parochial school teachers are already typically  
12 paid less than public school teachers. The \$2,000  
13 recognition grant will only increase the difference.  
14 The result will either be to attract the better  
15 teachers away from the parochial school or place an  
16 added financial burden on the parochial school. Both  
17 events tend to weaken the parochial schools and shift  
18 students from the parochial to public systems. This  
19 shift will increase the demand for buildings and  
20 teachers in the public system and result in costs to  
21 the State that may exceed the cost of \$2,000 recogni-  
22 tion grants to parochial school teachers.

23 For a fiscal note, the cost will equal \$2,000  
24 times the number of eligible teachers.

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