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FIRST REGULAR SESSION
ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
Legislative Document No. 1109
S.P. 399 In Senate, March 26, 1985
Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.
JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate
Presented by Senator Tuttle of York.  Cosponsored by Senator Gauvreau of Androscoggin, Representative Handy of Lewiston and Representative Rolde of York.
STATE OF MAINE
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
AN ACT Concerning State Assistance to Areas Affected by Non-English Speaking Immigrants and Refugees.
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA c. 325 is enacted to read:
CHAPTER 325
CHILDREN WITH LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY
§9601. Fund established
There is established a limited English Proficiency Aid Fund. The fund shall be used to provide funding on a per pupil basis for students with limited English proficiency. The fund shall not lapse, but
shall be carried forward from year to year to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

1	§9602. Administration
2 3 4 5 6 7	The commissioner shall, by rule, establish eligibility standards for identifying students who qualify for services which may be reimbursed from the fund established under this chapter. The commissioner shall establish the rate and method of reimbursement to administrative units.
8 9 10	Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.
11	1985-86
12 13	EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
14	Bureau of Instruction
15	Positions (1)
16 17 18 19	Personal Services \$25,962 Funds to be used for an English 2nd lan- guage consultant.
20 21	Limited English proficiency Aid Fund
22	All Other <u>213,000</u>
23	Total \$238,962
24	STATEMENT OF FACT
25 26 27 28 29 30	This bill establishes a special fund to meet the needs of pupils with a limited proficiency in the English language. The bill also appropriates money for that fund and for an English 2nd language consultant within the Department of Educational and Cultural Services.