

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE  
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House of Representatives, April 10, 1985

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

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Webster of Cape Elizabeth.

11 Cosponsored by Representative Zirnkilton of Mount Desert and  
Representative Foss of Yarmouth.

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 Strengthen Education in Maine.  
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19 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
20 follows:

21 Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA c. 506, as amended by PL 1983,  
22 c. 860, §2, is repealed.

23 Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA c. 506-A is enacted to read:

24 CHAPTER 506-A

25 TEACHER RECOGNITION GRANTS

26 §13521. Definitions

27 As used in this chapter, unless the context oth-  
28 erwise indicates, the following terms have the fol-  
29 lowing meanings.

30 1. Qualifying schools. "Qualifying schools"  
31 means public schools that are governed by a school  
32 board of a school administrative unit.

1           2. Teacher. "Teacher" means a person certified  
2 by the Department of Educational and Cultural Ser-  
3 vices who is an employee of a qualified school, in-  
4 cluding elementary and secondary teacher, specialized  
5 subject teacher and vocational-industrial teacher, as  
6 defined in the certification rules of the State Board  
7 of Education. "Teacher" includes, by position title,  
8 only the following:

9           A. Classroom teacher;

10          B. Itinerant teacher;

11          C. Guidance counselor;

12          D. Librarian-media specialist;

13          E. Special education teacher;

14          F. Special teacher of reading; and

15          G. Speech clinician-teacher.

16       §13522. Money distributed

17           The Treasurer of State shall annually, prior to  
18 February 15th, upon order of the commissioner, pay to  
19 each administrative unit within the State an amount  
20 which bears the same relationship to the total amount  
21 appropriated by the Legislature for teacher recogni-  
22 tion grants for that year as the student population  
23 within the qualified schools within the administra-  
24 tive unit bears to the total student population with-  
25 in all qualified schools within the State.

26       §13523. Teacher recognition grants

27           The governing body of any administrative unit re-  
28 ceiving grant money pursuant to section 13522 shall  
29 expend that money in the form of grants to teachers  
30 in qualified schools in that administrative unit.  
31 Selection of teachers to receive grants pursuant to  
32 this section and the amount of each such grant shall  
33 be determined in accordance with procedures and cri-  
34 teria established by the governing body of the admin-  
35 istrative unit. The criteria for selection shall be  
36 based on outstanding achievement in the field of  
37 teaching.

