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FIRST REGULAR SESSION
ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
Legislative Document No. 1490
S.P. 561 In Senate, May 9, 1983
Reference to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.
JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate
Presented by Senator Andrews of Cumberland.  Cosponsored by Representative Bost of Orono, Representative Randall of East Machias and Senator Brown of Washington.
STATE OF MAINE
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
AN ACT to Amend the Nuclear Issues Clearinghouse Law.
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §254, sub-§7, ¶¶C and D, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 739, are amended to read:
C. On request of a school administrative unit or private school, disseminate or loan the information and materials developed in paragraphs A and
B to public schools, private schools, adult education programs, colleges and universities, private citizens and civic organizations, and pro-
vide indirect consultation and referral services to teachers, administrators, students and adult education programs in the school unit or private school; and
D. Conduct periodic review of the availability and use of the clearinghouse information and re-

sources and make findings and recommendations to the Legislature at the start of the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature—; and

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Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §254, sub-§7, ¶E is enacted to read:

E. Provide for the development of age-appropriate curriculum programs using the materials developed in paragraphs A and B and provide technical assistance to public and private schools wishing to implement those programs.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

is recommended by the Citizens' Civil This bill Emergency Commission as a result of its study of nuclear civil protection planning in Maine. Current law has established a clearinghouse in the Department of Educational and Cultural Services for the collection of informational materials on nuclear issues. The bill expands the availability of information on nuclear issues collected by the department for the nuclear issues clearinghouse to colleges, universities and private citizens and groups. The current law limits availability to elementary and secondary schools. This bill also requires the department to develop age-appropriate curricula using the informational materials collected and to provide technical assistance to schools wishing to implement that curricula.

One of the most consistent themes which the commission heard at the 6 public hearings it held around the State last year was the need for educational programs and materials, on nuclear issues and conflict resolution. This bill addresses that concern.

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