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1 (New Draft of H.P. 564, L.D. 835)
2 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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4 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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6 Legislative Document

No. 1585

8 H.P. 1092

House of Representatives, May 24, 1985

9 Reported by Representative Bost from the Committee on Education and
10 printed under Joint Rule 2. Original bill presented by Representative Simpson
11 of Casco. Cosponsored by Senator Gauvreau of Androscoggin, Representative
O'Gara of Westbrook and Representative Lawrence of Parsonsfield.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

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15 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
16 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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18 AN ACT Concerning Education Programs for
19 Gifted and Talented Children.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §8104 is enacted to read:

24 §8104. School administrative units to establish pro-
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26 1. Establishment. Each school administrative
27 unit shall, commencing with the 1987-88 school year,
28 establish a plan for phasing in gifted and talented
29 educational programs by 1991-92.

30 2. Rules. The commissioner shall establish
31 rules to implement this section, including the iden-
32 tification of students, needs and resource assess-
33 ment, and program planning, development and delivery.

1 3. Technical assistance. The commissioner may
2 provide technical assistance to a school administra-
3 tive unit for planning for gifted and talented educa-
4 tion programs.

5 Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15603, sub-§22, ¶C, as en-
6 acted by PL 1983, c. 859, Pt. G, §§2 and 4, is
7 amended to read:

8 C. The cost of programs for gifted and talented
9 students which have been approved by the commis-
10 sioner. Federal and state grants used for gifted
11 and talented programs approved by the commis-
12 ioner may be included as allowable costs under this
13 program.

14 Sec. 3. Appropriation. The following funds are
15 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the
16 purposes of this Act.

17		<u>1986-87</u>
18	<u>EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES,</u>	
19	<u>DEPARTMENT OF</u>	
20	Positions	(2)
21	Personal Services	\$ 55,930
22	All Other	<u>62,000</u>
23	Total	\$117,930

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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The new draft replaces the original bill. It requires in section 1 that school administrative units develop plans to phase in gifted and talented programs over a 5-year period commencing in 1987-88 and being completed in 1991-1992.

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Section 2 allows state and other grants used to initiate gifted and talented programs approved by the commissioner be included as allowable costs under the School Finance Act.

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The appropriation in section 3 provides funds for 2 staff positions and \$50,000 to provide summer and in-service training programs for teachers and regional conferences to provide information on how to identify students and how to develop and implement programs. One of the positions requested is presently being funded under a federal grant which will run out at the end of this year.

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It is the intent of the Legislature that school units phase in the programs by assessing the need for programs, availability of resources and training needs of staff by 1988-89; developing, implementing and evaluating pilot model programs by 1990-91; and meeting the requirement to establish programs by 1991-92.

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