

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

No. 136
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7 S.P. 69

In Senate, January 28, 1987
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9 Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and
ordered printed.

10 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate
Presented by Senator CLARK of Cumberland.

11 Cosponsored by Representative SOUCY of Kittery,
Representative HICHBORN of LaGrange, Senator RANDALL of
Washington.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN
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17 AN ACT Relating to the Extended School Year.
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19 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
20 follows:

21 20-A MRSA §4801, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL
22 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, is amended to read:

23 B. Notwithstanding any other section of the
24 statutes, school committees, with the approval of
25 the commissioner, may adopt or amend rules neces-
26 sary to implement an extended school year at the
27 local level, not to exceed 200 days. With the ap-
28 proval of the commissioner, the school committee
29 may adopt or amend rules necessary to extend the
30 school year of more than 200 days at the local
31 level. The commissioner may make appropriate ad-
32 justments, not to exceed the allowable subsidy,
33 to insure fair and equitable treatment in the
34 distribution of state aid.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2 State reform initiatives and new teacher and ad-
3 ministrator certification laws are requiring time
4 commitments far beyond what can be accommodated by
5 traditional school year calendars. This bill allows
6 local units to extend their local school year up to
7 200 days without the approval of the commissioner to
8 more effectively respond to the State's legislated
9 expectations.

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