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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative SCARPINO of St. George.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Innovative Grants.

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3 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
4 follows:

5 20-A MRS §17103, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1983,
6 c. 859, Pt. E, §§1 and 2, is amended to read:

7 1. Objectives. Innovative project matching
8 grants may be awarded to a single school, group of
9 schools or groups of school administrative units for
10 projects which promote improvement on a school-wide
11 basis. ~~These grants will be on the same matching~~
12 shall be awarded on a competitive basis as set forth
13 in section 4254 and shall not require matching funds.
14 These projects may include, but are not limited to,
15 one or more of the following objectives:

- 1 A. To develop programs to reduce the number of
2 student dropouts;
- 3 B. To initiate creative approaches to improve
4 average daily attendance in the schools;
- 5 C. To prepare curriculum guidelines and strate-
6 gies to improve teaching, raise student
7 expectations and increase the commitment to aca-
8 demic excellence;
- 9 D. To develop strategies for the effective use
10 of school volunteers;
- 11 E. To promote improved guidance and counseling
12 services, particularly within elementary schools;
- 13 F. To implement methods to increase the amount
14 of time students devote to their academic sub-
15 jects;
- 16 G. To develop programs to raise academic stan-
17 dards and to provide services for students with
18 special learning needs;
- 19 H. To develop new and improved programs in the
20 basic academic areas;
- 21 I. To identify and provide in-service education-
22 al programs to improve the basic course of study
23 in the school or schools;
- 24 J. To provide management and leadership programs
25 for principals, superintendents and other super-
26 visory personnel;
- 27 K. To develop a teachers' academy; and
- 28 L. To develop foreign language programs in ele-
29 mentary schools.

1 STATEMENT OF FACT

2 The Innovative Grants Program was established to
3 provide an incentive for teachers and schools to pro-
4 mote their most creative ideas to benefit students
5 and schools.

6 Teacher-based incentive grants are not tied to a
7 subsidy formula whereas the school-based grants are
8 awarded on the basis of your local subsidy formula.
9 Thus, the school-based grant awarding procedure cre-
10 ates a disincentive for application under this pro-
11 gram.

12 It is the intent of this bill to remove the
13 subsidy-based formula for awarding grants and place
14 school-based innovative grants on a competitive
15 full-funded structure. This will allow all schools
16 to compete on an equal basis for the funds available.

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