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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 938

H.P. 697 House of Representatives, March 25, 1987
Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and
ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative VOSE of Eastport.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Concerning the School Selection
Process.

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4 Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis-
5 lature do not become effective until 90 days after
6 adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

7 Whereas, the provisions of this Act should be in
8 effect for the coming school year; and

9 Whereas, the next school fiscal year will start
10 on July 1, 1987; and

11 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
12 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of
13 the Constitution of Maine and require the following
14 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-

1 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
2 therefore,

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

5 Sec. 1. 20-A MRS §2703, sub-§1, ¶D, as enacted
6 by PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, is amended to read:

7 D. Shall be ratified by a majority vote of each
8 of the governing bodies party to the contract;
9 and

10 Sec. 2. 20-A MRS §2703, sub-§1, ¶D-1 is enacted
11 to read:

12 D-1. The commissioner shall insure that the cost
13 of tuition, transportation and other expenses in-
14 curring from sending students to the contract
15 school are no more expensive than a comparable
16 educational program offered by another school in
17 the area able to take the students. If they are
18 not, the sending school shall pay the difference
19 between the educational costs of sending students
20 to the contract school and the least expensive
21 alternative. The difference in costs will not be
22 allowable costs under the School Finance Act as
23 provided in chapter 606.

24 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited
25 in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when ap-
26 proved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill encourages school units which do not operate schools to contract with a school which would result in the lowest educational costs. If the costs are higher than a least expensive alternative in their area, the sending school unit will have to pay the difference, and these additional costs will not be considered allowable costs under the School Finance Act.

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