

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 1158

S.P. 381

In Senate, April 9, 1987

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate  
Presented by Senator BRAUN of Knox.  
Cosponsored by Senator RANDALL of Washington,  
Representative HARPER of Lincoln, Senator TWITCHELL of Oxford.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Concerning Comprehensive Drug  
Prevention Education in Maine's Public  
Schools.

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5 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
6 follows:

7 Sec. 1. 20-A MRS A §4707 is enacted to read:

8 §4707. Instruction in substance abuse prevention

9 1. Development of program. The commissioner  
10 shall require the development and implementation of a  
11 comprehensive substance abuse prevention education  
12 curriculum in all of the State's public and private  
13 schools, from kindergarten and grades one to 12.

1           2. Local school committees or boards determine  
2 curriculum. Local school committees shall have rea-  
3 sonable flexibility in the selection of a substance  
4 abuse education curriculum. The curriculum should  
5 include the following objectives:

6           A. To value and maintain sound personal health;

7           B. To respect laws and rules prohibiting drugs;

8           C. To resist pressures to use drugs; and

9           D. To promote student activities that are  
10 drug-free and offer healthy avenues for student  
11 interests.

12           3. Criteria for selection of materials. In se-  
13 lecting and developing a substance abuse education  
14 curriculum, school committees shall:

15           A. Determine curriculum content appropriate for  
16 the school's drug problem and grade levels;

17           B. Base the curriculum on an understanding of  
18 why children try drugs in order to teach them how  
19 to resist pressures to use drugs; and

20           C. Review existing materials for possible adap-  
21 tation.

22           4. Implementation. In implementing a substance  
23 abuse education curriculum, school personnel shall:

24           A. Include all grades;

25           B. Teach about drugs in health education classes  
26 and reinforce this curriculum with appropriate  
27 materials in such classes as social studies and  
28 science; and

29           C. Develop expertise in drug prevention through  
30 training. Teachers should be knowledgeable about  
31 drugs, be personally committed to opposing drug  
32 use and be skilled at eliciting participation by  
33 students.

1           Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are  
 2 appropriated from the General Funds to carry out the  
 3 purposes of this Act.

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| 4  |                                 | <u>1987-88</u>  | <u>1988-89</u>   |
| 5  | <u>EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL</u> |                 |                  |
| 6  | <u>SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF</u>  |                 |                  |
| 7  | Alcohol and Drug Education      |                 |                  |
| 8  | Services                        |                 |                  |
| 9  | Positions                       | (1)             | (1)              |
| 10 | Personal Services               | \$20,209        | \$ 29,332        |
| 11 | All Other                       | 50,000          | 75,000           |
| 12 |                                 |                 |                  |
| 13 | Total                           | <u>\$70,209</u> | <u>\$104,332</u> |

14   STATEMENT OF FACT

15           Drug abuse is one of the most serious problems  
 16 confronting young Americans today. Effective educa-  
 17 tion is one of the most important ways of addressing  
 18 this problem. This bill will require the development  
 19 and implementation of a comprehensive substance abuse  
 20 prevention education curriculum in all of the State's  
 21 public and private schools, from kindergarten and  
 22 grades one to 12.

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