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H.P. 877 Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk Presented by Representative FOSS of Yarmouth. Cosponsored by Representatives SMALL of Bath, LAWRENCE of Parsonsfield and Senator BERUBE of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Require Full State Funding of any Legislative Mandate.

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

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20-A MRSA §2, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3. Mandated programs. Any mandate enacted by 7 the Legislature or rule established by the department after July 1, 1987, which requires school administra-8 9 tive units to offer, or students to participate in, a 10 new course, program or other service, shall be funded 11 by the state and not require additional funding by 12 the school administrative unit which provides or ad-13 14 ministers the program. Any such mandate for which full state funding is not provided may not be en-15 16 forced.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill requires the State to pay for all new educational programs it mandates local school units to provide. The cost of current programs which school units elect to provide will continue to be funded under the cost sharing formula in the School Finance Act.

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