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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative O'GARA of Westbrook.

Cosponsored by Representatives DIAMOND of Bangor, HUSSEY
of Milo and KETOVER of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to Adult Education.

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

5 Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA § 8606, as enacted by PL 1981,
6 c. 693, §§5 and 8, is repealed.

7 Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §8606-A is enacted to read:

8 §8606-A. Reimbursement procedures

9 1. Definitions. As used in this chapter, unless
10 the context otherwise indicates, the following terms
11 have the following meanings.

12 A. "Adult education program costs" includes ex-
13 penditures for salaries and supplies within the
14 definitions of section 8607-A.

1 B. "Foundation years" means the school year pri-
2 or to the year of allocation of funds.

3 C. "Maximum allowable expenditures," for state
4 subsidy purposes, means the sum of the amount of
5 funds raised through taxation and expended in ac-
6 cordance with section 8607-A in the foundation
7 year plus the amount of subsidy paid by the State
8 during the foundation year.

9 D. "Net expenditures" means adult education pro-
10 gram costs minus all receipts applied to those
11 costs, except from local taxation and state sub-
12 sidy.

13 2. Commissioner certification. Prior to Novem-
14 ber 1st of each year, the commissioner shall prepare
15 and certify to the Legislature and to the Bureau of
16 the Budget a recommendation for the funding levels
17 for the various program categories in adult educa-
18 tion.

19 A. The requested funding levels shall be for the
20 authorized reimbursement rates established in
21 section 8607-A, and based on maximum allowable
22 expenditures.

23 B. If a school administrative unit fails to sub-
24 mit the necessary information required in this
25 section within the time specified by the commis-
26 sioner, he shall estimate that unit's education
27 cost. The estimate shall not exceed the previous
28 year's figures for that local educational agency.
29 The date for submission of these forms shall be
30 August 1st of each year.

31 3. State reimbursement. State reimbursement for
32 expenditures on adult education programs shall be
33 based on each administrative unit's actual local
34 adult education program costs in the foundation year.

35 A. The reimbursement shall be based on the
36 unit's net expenditures for the year in accord-
37 ance with the maximum allowable expenditures.

38 B. State reimbursement shall be paid to each el-
39 igible school administrative unit during the 2nd

1 quarter of the State's fiscal year following the
2 unit's expenditure.

3 4. State administration. The commissioner shall
4 add to his budget request an amount sufficient to
5 provide for the administration of this section.

6 Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §8607, as enacted by PL 1981,
7 c. 693, §§5 and 8, is repealed.

8 Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §8607-A is enacted to read:

9 §8607-A. Reimbursement rates

10 Reimbursement rates shall be as follows.

11 1. Administrative costs. School administrative
12 units shall be reimbursed 70% of the administrative
13 costs for evening and day school classes and educa-
14 tional activities for adults in the year following
15 the expenditure. Administrative costs shall include
16 administrative, supervisory and clerical salaries,
17 the costs of maintaining and operating citizens' ad-
18 visory committees, administrative fringe benefits as
19 required for salaried positions and administrative
20 travel to state meetings related to the support of
21 the administrative function.

22 2. Adult vocational education courses. Adult
23 vocational education courses shall be reimbursed at
24 the rate of 75% of the cost of instructional salaries
25 and fringe benefits required for salaried costs and
26 50% of the cost of consumable supplies and textbooks.

27 3. Handicapped adult courses. Handicapped adult
28 courses shall be reimbursed at the rate of 75% of the
29 cost of instructional salaries and fringe benefits
30 required for salaried costs and 50% of the cost of
31 consumable supplies and textbooks.

32 4. High school completion courses. High school
33 completion courses shall be reimbursed at the rate of
34 75% of the cost of instructional salaries and fringe
35 benefits required for salaried costs and 50% of the
36 cost of consumable supplies and textbooks.

1 5. Basic literacy courses. Basic literacy
2 courses shall be reimbursed at the rate of 75% of the
3 cost of instructional salaries and fringe benefits
4 required for salaried costs and 50% of the cost of
5 consumable supplies and textbooks.

6 6. General adult courses. Courses provided for
7 the general public in vocational, leisure and life
8 skill programs shall be reimbursed at the rate of 50%
9 of the cost of instructional salaries and fringe ben-
10 efits required for salaried costs.

11 7. Other administrative costs. Other adminis-
12 trative costs, including program promotion and pub-
13 licity, mailing and postage and telephone expenses
14 related to program development, promotion and imple-
15 mentation, shall be reimbursed at the rate of 50% of
16 these costs.

17 STATEMENT OF FACT

18 Public school adult education plays a critical
19 role in the State's ability to provide educational
20 opportunities to all its citizens. In order to
21 maximize the impact of adult education, changes need
22 to be made in reimbursement procedures and rates so
23 that local adult education programs may continue to
24 meet the increasing needs of adult students, particu-
25 larly those who are economically and educationally
26 disadvantaged.

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