

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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(EMERGENCY)
(Governor's Bill)
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 1625

H.P. 1193 House of Representatives, May 19, 1987
Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and
ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative SMALL of Bath.
Cosponsored by Senators CLARK of Cumberland, RANDALL of
Washington, and Representative BROWN of Gorham.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Provide Funds to Local School
2 Administrative Units and to the
3 Department of Educational and Cultural
4 Services to Implement and Meet the
5 Requirements of the Teacher and
6 Administrator Certification Laws.
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8 Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis-
9 lature do not become effective until 90 days after
10 adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

11 Whereas, the 111th and 112th Legislatures enacted
12 3 major laws that directly affected the preparation
13 and certification of educational personnel employed
14 in the State's schools; and

1 Whereas, the implementation of these laws creates
2 an increased work load and fiscal expenditures at
3 both the local and state levels; and

4 Whereas, the local school administrative units
5 and the Department of Educational and Cultural Ser-
6 vices need to begin the implementation of these laws
7 immediately; and

8 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
9 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of
10 the Constitution of Maine and require the following
11 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-
12 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
13 therefore,

14 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
15 follows:

16 **Appropriation.** The following funds are appropri-
17 ated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes
18 of this Act.

19 1987-88

20 EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL
21 SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

22 Block Grants to School
23 Administrative Units

24 All Other

\$1,825,000

1 Provides funds in
2 the form of block
3 grants to local
4 school administra-
5 tive units to imple-
6 ment the require-
7 ments of the teacher
8 certification laws
9 in the amount of
10 \$1,500,000 for fis-
11 cal years 1987-88
12 and the administra-
13 tor certification
14 law in the amount of
15 \$325,000 for fiscal
16 year 1987-88.

17 These funds will be
18 distributed to each
19 school administra-
20 tive unit at the
21 rate of \$100 per
22 teacher and \$250 per
23 administrator the
24 first year and at
25 the rate of \$100 per
26 teacher and \$100 per
27 administrator in
28 subsequent years.

29 Division of Certification

30	Positions	(4)
31	Personal Services	\$ 91,000
32	All Other	11,400
33	Capital Expenditures	87,950
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35	Total	<u>\$190,350</u>

1 Provides funds to
2 employ the staff
3 necessary for the
4 Department of Educa-
5 tional and Cultural
6 Services to meet the
7 requirements of the
8 teacher and adminis-
9 trator certification
10 laws.

11
12 TOTAL

\$2,015,350

13 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited
14 in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when ap-
15 proved.

16 STATEMENT OF FACT

17 The 111th and 112th Legislatures enacted 3 major
18 laws that directly affected the preparation and cer-
19 tification of educational personnel employed in the
20 States's schools.

21 1. Public Law 1983, chapter 859 mandated several
22 education reforms and improvements, including quali-
23 fying exams for the certification of beginning teach-
24 ers.

25 2. The teacher certification law upgraded and
26 strengthened the requirements for teacher certifica-
27 tion in the State.

28 3. The school administrator certification law
29 upgraded requirements for principals and superintend-
30 ents to be certified.

31 The first provision of this bill appropriates the
32 necessary funds, in the next fiscal year, to local
33 school administrative units to implement the laws by
34 paying for planning, teacher and administrator train-
35 ing, coordination, substitute teachers, stipends and
36 clerical backup. The funds would be distributed to

1 each school administrative unit through block grants
2 at the rate of \$100 per teacher and \$250 per adminis-
3 trator for the first year and at the rate of \$100 per
4 teacher and \$100 per administrator in subsequent
5 years.

6 The 2nd provision of this bill appropriates the
7 necessary funds for the Department of Educational and
8 Cultural Services to employ additional staff to im-
9 plement and monitor the new certification laws and
10 provide the technical assistance to local school ad-
11 ministrative units to develop plans for initial and
12 renewal certification plans as well as teacher devel-
13 opment and improvement plans.

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