

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1664

S.P. 556

In Senate, May 26, 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 EMERSON of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative LAWRENCE of Parsonsfield.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 **AN ACT to Change the Operating Cost Millage**
2 **and Provide Additional Funds for Public Schools**
3 **in Fiscal Year 1987-88.**
4

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

8 Whereas, the increase in local costs to school
9 units due to education reform legislation has created
10 a need for additional state funding in fiscal year
11 1987-88; and

12 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
13 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of

1 the Constitution of Maine and require the following
2 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-
3 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
4 therefore,

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

7 Sec. 1. P&SL 1987, c. 21, Pt. B, §3, is amended
8 to read:

9 Sec. 3. Subsidy indexes. This section estab-
10 lishes mill rates as follows: Operating - ~~7.15~~ 7.02
11 mills; Program millage limit - 1.43 mills; Debt Ser-
12 vice millage limit - 0.55 mills.

13 Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are
14 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the
15 purposes of this Act.

16 1987-88

17 EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES,
18 DEPARTMENT OF

19 General Purpose Aid
20 for Local Schools

21 All Other \$4,300,000

22 Sec. 3. Application. Notwithstanding the Maine
23 Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15602, subsec-
24 tion 1, the additional \$4,300,000 appropriated in
25 section 2 of this Act may not be included as base
26 year cost in any subsequent year for the purpose of
27 computing state subsidy.

28 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited
29 in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when ap-
30 proved.

1 STATEMENT OF FACT

2 The purpose of this bill is to provide \$4,300,000
3 in additional funding for public schools in fiscal
4 year 1987-88 by reducing the local share of operating
5 costs in the school funding formula. This additional
6 funding is being made available to assist school ad-
7 ministrative units in complying with state education
8 reform mandates.

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