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L.D. 2385

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
113TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1739, L.D. 2385,
Bill, "AN ACT to Implement the Recommendations of the
Special Commission to Study Teacher Training in the
University of Maine System."

Amend the bill by striking out everything after
the enacting clause and inserting in its place the
following:

'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13405 is enacted to read:

§13405. Legislative review of teacher salaries

Beginning in 1988, the joint standing committee of
the Legislature having jurisdiction over education
shall conduct a biennial review of teacher
compensation, including the compensation of state
teachers and related classifications in the Department
of Educational and Cultural Services. Among the
factors which the committee shall consider in its
review is the national ranking of the State with
respect to teacher salaries as compared to the ranking
of the State for per capita income and other
appropriate comparisons. The joint standing committee
shall submit its findings and recommendations to the
Full Legislature by February 1st in each odd-numbered
year.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §13604, as enacted by PL
1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, is repealed and the following
enacted in its place:

1 §13604. Sabbatical leave; paid leaves of absence for
2 professional development; grants for
3 professional development

4 1. Sabbatical leave; program established. The
5 Legislature finds that sabbatical leave is a valuable
6 educational management tool which increases the
7 efficiency of the public schools by permitting
8 teachers, principals and other professional school
9 employees to pursue a further course of study, travel,
10 work or other activities which will directly enhance
11 their contribution to the profession. These
12 activities result in educational personnel who are
13 better qualified by educational attainment and
14 cultural experience for the positions they hold in the
15 school.

16 A. There is established the Maine Educator
17 Fellowship Program to be administered by the
18 department. Up to 10 full school year leaves may
19 be awarded annually to public school teachers,
20 principals or other professional school employees
21 who have been employed in that capacity for 7
22 years or more in the State. The leaves shall be
23 at full pay and funded by the State. The purpose
24 of the leaves is to pursue advanced study, travel,
25 work or other activities which are directly
26 related to professional development. Leaves shall
27 be awarded on a competitive basis in accordance
28 with an application, review and decision-making
29 process adopted by rule. The decision of the
30 commissioner shall be final. A leave of absence
31 granted in accordance with this paragraph shall be
32 conditional upon agreement by the teacher to
33 return to teaching in Maine for at least 2 years.

34 B. School boards may grant to any teacher,
35 principal or other person regularly employed by
36 them a leave of absence for a period not exceeding
37 one year and for not more than 1/2 pay. A leave
38 of absence may be granted only after the
39 completion of 7 years of service and under
40 conditions and rules determined by the school
41 board.

42 2. Grants for professional development

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1 activities. There is established the Grants for
2 Professional Development Program to be administered by
3 the University of Maine System. Grants shall be
4 awarded, within funds available for those purposes, to
5 public school teachers for the pursuit of advanced
6 study, in-service training programs or other
7 professional development activities during the
8 summer. The University of Maine System shall develop
9 a process for selection which provides for the
10 involvement of local constituencies to be served by
11 the program.

12 Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §15603, sub-§20-A is enacted
13 to read:

14 20-A. Sabbatical leave costs. "Sabbatical leave
15 costs" for subsidy purposes means the costs incurred
16 by school administrative units for salary
17 reimbursement during leaves of absence granted in
18 accordance with section 13604, subsection 1, paragraph
19 B.

20 Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §15604, sub-§1, ¶¶I and J, as
21 amended by PL 1983, c. 859, Pt. G, §§2 and 4, are
22 further amended to read:

23 I. Cost of state expenditures for teachers'
24 retirement benefits; and

25 J. Early childhood educational programs; and

26 Sec. 5. 20-A MRSA §15604, sub-§1, ¶K is enacted
27 to read:

28 K. Sabbatical leave costs.

29 Sec. 6. 20-A MRSA §15605, sub-§2, ¶C, as
30 enacted by PL 1983, c. 859, Pt. G, §§2 and 4, is
31 amended to read:

32 C. The requested funding levels for program costs
33 under section 15604, subsection 1, paragraph B;
34 section 15604, subsection 1, paragraph C,
35 subparagraph (1); section 15604, subsection 1,
36 paragraphs D, E and J and K, shall be the
37 actual local program costs for the base year
38 adjusted to the equivalent of the year prior to

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1 the year of allocation; and under section 15604,
2 subsection 1, paragraph F, for the year prior to
3 the year of allocation.

4 Sec. 7. Appropriation. The following funds are
5 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the
6 purposes of this Act.

7 1988-89

8 UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM
9 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

10 Educational and General Activities-
11 University of Maine System

12 All Other \$200,000

13 Provides funds for
14 expansion of
15 Professional
16 Development Centers at
17 Farmington, Fort Kent,
18 Machias, Orono,
19 Portland-Gorham and
20 Presque Isle campuses
21 to provide
22 comprehensive
23 preservice and
24 in-service teacher
25 education services.
26 Funds are contingent
27 upon the establishment
28 of a governing board
29 for each center which
30 provides for ongoing,
31 meaningful input from
32 teachers and
33 university faculty.

34 Educational and General Activities -
35 University of Maine System

36 All Other 100,000

37 Provides funds to
38 establish and evaluate

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1 innovative pilot
2 programs in teacher
3 education on one or
4 more campuses for
5 possible future
6 system-wide
7 application. The
8 funds are to be
9 awarded for 2-year
10 projects on a
11 competitive basis and
12 divided
13 proportionately
14 between campuses.
15 Decisions on grant
16 awards on each campus
17 are to be made by the
18 Board of Directors of
19 the Professional
20 Development Center.

21 Educational and General Activities -
22 University of Maine System

23 All Other 155,000

24 Provides funds for
25 summer training grants
26 for teachers,
27 additional special
28 education courses for
29 training teachers and
30 the conduct of supply
31 and demand research
32 recommended by the
33 Special Commission to
34 Study Teacher Training
35 in the University of
36 Maine System.

37 Educational and General Activities -
38 University of Maine System

39 All Other 250,000

40 Provides funds to
41 reimburse cooperating

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1	and	supervising	
2	teachers	at the rate	
3	of \$500	per semester	
4	for supervision	of	
5	student teachers.		
6	Educational and General Activities -		
7	University of Maine System		
8	All Other		250,000
9	Provides funds for the		
10	establishment of a		
11	Teacher Education		
12	Research Center.		
13	BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE		
14	UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM		
15	TOTAL		
16			<u>\$955,000</u>
17	<u>LEGISLATURE</u>		
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19	Personal Services		\$ 4,300
20	All Other		6,500
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22	TOTAL		<u>\$10,800</u>
23	Provides funds for		
24	study of teacher		
25	salaries and teacher		
26	preparation time by		
27	the Joint Standing		
28	Committee on Education.		
29	<u>EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES,</u>		
30	<u>DEPARTMENT OF</u>		
31	Division of Higher Education		
32	Services		
33	All Other		\$ 810,000
34	Provides funds to		

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1	expand	the	Blaine	
2	House	Scholars	to	
3	provide	paid	leave	and
4	tuition	for	teachers	
5	studying	toward	a	
6	graduate	degree.		
7	Division	of	Higher	Education
8	Services			
9	All	Other		250,000
10	Provides	funds	for	the
11	Sabbatical	Leave	for	
12	Professional			
13	Development	Program		
14	DEPARTMENT	OF	EDUCATIONAL	AND
15	CULTURAL	SERVICES		
16	TOTAL			\$1,060,000'

17 STATEMENT OF FACT

18 The purposes of this amendment are:

19 1. To include review of state teachers and
20 related classifications in the review of teacher
21 compensation provided in the bill;

22 2. To clarify the purposes and the return to
23 service requirements of the sabbatical leaves program
24 provided in the bill; and

25 3. To provide for involvement of educators in the
26 selection of recipients of grants for professional
27 development provided in the bill.

28 The amendment also makes several technical
29 corrections in the original bill and corrects 2
30 provisions in the appropriations section of the
31 original bill.

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