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NO. 2386

H.P. 1740 House of Representatives, March 1, 1988 Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26. Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake.
Cosponsored by Representatives CARTER of Winslow, BOST of Orono, and Senator ESTES of York.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Create a Uniform School Unit Budgeting Process.

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

20-A MRSA §15618-A is enacted to read:

§15618-A. Annual report on educational budgets

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1	1. Annual report. The commissioner shall prepare		
2	an annual report by August 1st each year showing		
3	approved school administrative unit educational		
4 5	budgets on a unit-by-unit basis. The report shall		
5	show budgetary items approved by public schools and		
6	schools approved for tuition purposes in the following		
7	categories:		
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8	A. General administration:		
9	(1) Salaries;		
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10	(2) Benefits; and		
11.	(3) Other; and		
12	B. School administration:		
13	(1) Salaries:		

14 <u>(2) Benefits; and</u>
15 (3) Other; and

Instruction:

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17 <u>(1) Professional salaries;</u>
18 (2) Other salaries;

regions;

(5) Books and periodicals; and Tuition to nonpublic schools;

Vocational education operating assessments to

F. Nutrition;G. Operational maintenance:

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	1	(1) Salaries;
	2	(2) Benefits;
	3	(3) Purchased services;
	4	(4) Insurance;
	5	(5) Energy; and
	6	(6) Other; and
	7	H. Transportation operating costs:
	8	<pre>(1) Salaries;</pre>
	9	(2) Benefits;
	10	(3) Purchased services; and
	11	(4) Other; and
·)	12	I. Buses:
	13	(1) Purchases; and
	14 15	(2) Principal and interest payments on notes; and
	16	J. Major capital outlay;
	17	K. Leases and insured value; and
	18	L. Debt service.
	19 .	STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill creates a uniform school budgeting process by requiring the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services to prepare an annual report showing item by item the components of school

administrative units' approved budgets. The bill, by establishingstandard categories for budget reporting, will promote analysis of educational spending.