

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative DIAMOND of Bangor.

Cosponsored by Senators CLARK of Cumberland, PERKINS of
Hancock, and Representative MURPHY of Kennebunk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Amend Project ASPIRE for High
2 School Students in the State.
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4 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
5 follows:

6 Sec. 1. P&SL 1987, c. 57, §1 is amended to read:

7 Sec. 1. Project ASPIRE; University of Maine
8 System. There is established Project ASPIRE, to be

1 administered by the Board of Trustees of the
2 University of Maine System, with technical assistance
3 by the Department of Educational and Cultural
4 Services, to raise the aspirations of high school
5 students in the State and to encourage them to pursue
6 post-secondary educational opportunities. Project
7 ASPIRE is a cooperative program between the University
8 of Maine System and school districts which choose to
9 participate. Project ASPIRE allows high school
10 seniors to take regular college courses in their own
11 schools and it may fund other activities consistent
12 with the purposes of this Act.

13 Sec. 2. P&SL 1987, c. 57, §2, sub-§5 is amended
14 to read:

15 5. Courses or other activities may be offered
16 during the regular school day or, if determined
17 appropriate by the board of trustees and the local
18 school board, outside of the traditional school day or
19 week.

20 Sec. 3. P&SL 1987, c. 57, §§3 and 4 are amended
21 to read:

22 Sec. 3. Implementation and review. Project
23 ASPIRE, created by this Act, shall be implemented by
24 the board of trustees as a pilot project during school
25 years 1987-88 and , 1988-89, and 1989-90. The
26 program shall be established at a limited number of
27 public school sites chosen from among those which
28 apply for participation. These sites shall represent
29 a balanced mix of geographical location, school size
30 and current percentage of students going on to
31 post-secondary study. The purpose of the pilot
32 projects is to provide experience on which to base an
33 assessment of the benefits, disadvantages, possible
34 improvements and costs of these programs. In setting
35 up, conducting and evaluating the pilot projects, the
36 board shall give consideration to programs offered
37 outside the traditional school day or week, offering
38 courses through audio-visual and computer network
39 hookups, the issue of recognition and transferability
40 of credits by the university system and the
41 possibility of participation in the university system

1 program by nonhigh school students. The board of
2 trustees shall conduct a preliminary review of the
3 operation of the pilot projects and report their
4 findings to the Governor and the Joint Standing
5 Committee on Education by April 1, 1988. A final
6 report shall be issued by March 17 December 30,
7 1989.

8 Sec. 4. Funding. The cost of participating in
9 the pilot projects to school administrative units,
10 which choose to participate in 1987-88 and 1
11 1988-89, and 1989-90 shall be funded through grants
12 from funds appropriated for this purpose on the same
13 matching basis as the division of state and local
14 shares in the unit's state and local allocation in the
15 previous year. For projects which are continued
16 after 1988-89 1989-90, the cost of participation to
17 the school administrative unit may be added to the
18 school unit's subsidized cost under the Maine Revised
19 Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 606.

20 Any funds not spent by the end of fiscal year
21 1988-89 shall be carried over and not lapse until the
22 end of fiscal year 1989-90.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

24 This bill makes the following changes to the
25 Project ASPIRE:

26 1. Allows Project ASPIRE funds to be used on
27 students in other grades than 12th grade. To change
28 the aspirations of students, involvement must start
29 before the 12th grade;

30 2. Allows project funds to be used on other
31 activities than courses;

32 3. Provides for a continuation of the project
33 through 1989-90 with no additional appropriation;

34 4. Changes the final reporting date from March 1,
35 1989, to December 30, 1989; and

1 5. Removes the requirement for local units to
2 provide matching funds on the same local percentage
3 share as in the school finance formula.

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