

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 326

S.P. 169

In Senate, February 22, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BOST of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Senator ESTES of York, Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake and
President PRAY of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**An Act to Increase the State Share of Education Funding and to Increase
the Minimum State Allocation.**



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

3 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15602, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1985, c.**
5 **505, §12, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:**

7 1. Contributions from General Fund. It is the intent of
9 the Legislature to provide at least 58% of the cost of the total
11 allocation from General Fund revenue sources.

13 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15602, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:**

15 1-A. Contributions from General Fund. It is the intent of
17 the Legislature to provide at least 60% of the cost of the total
19 allocation from General Fund revenue sources.

21 **Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §15613, sub-§13, as enacted by PL 1987, c.**
23 **848, §10, is amended to read:**

25 **13. Minimum state allocation. Effective 1988-89 1990-91,**
27 **each school administrative unit shall be guaranteed a minimum**
29 **state share of its total allocation that is determined by**
31 **multiplying 5% 15% of the foundation per pupil operating rate by**
33 **the average number of resident kindergarten to grade 12 pupils,**
35 **including special education tuition pupils, in the unit on April**
37 **1st and October 1st of the calendar year immediately prior to the**
39 **year of allocation. These funds shall be included as part of the**
41 **school unit's total allocation as computed under this chapter and**
43 **not as an adjustment to the unit's total allocation.**

Sec. 4. Effective date; repeal. Sections 1 and 3 of this Act are
effective June 30, 1990. Section 2 of this Act is effective June
30, 1991. The Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15602,
subsection 1, as repealed and replaced by section 1 of this Act,
is repealed June 30, 1991.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill increases the state share of subsidizable
education costs from 55% to 58% in fiscal year 1990-91, and from
58% to 60% in fiscal year 1991-92. The bill also increases the
minimum state allocation payment to those communities which,
under the general formula, receive no state aid.