

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, April 24, 1989

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake.
Cosponsored by Representative COLES of Harpswell.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act Regarding the Removal of Hazardous Chemicals from Schools.

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)



1 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
3 as emergencies; and

5 Whereas, there are hazardous chemicals presently in
6 schools; and

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8 Whereas, the program to help schools remove these chemicals
9 should start before the beginning of the next school year; and

11 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
12 create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
13 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
14 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
15 safety; now, therefore,

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

19 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15613, sub-§14 is enacted to read:**

21 14. Removal of hazardous chemicals. Notwithstanding any
22 other provision of this chapter, the State may provide a direct
23 matching grant for up to 50% of the cost, but not to exceed
24 \$2,500, of the removal and disposal of obsolete and hazardous
25 chemicals from a school. The commissioner shall establish rules
26 governing the purchase and storage of hazardous chemicals in
27 schools and for the awarding of grants. The criteria for
28 awarding grants shall include, but not be limited to,
29 consideration of prioritizing awards on a first-come,
30 first-served basis.

31 **Sec. 2. Retroactivity.** This Act shall be retroactive to June
32 1, 1988, to provide direct matching grants to those school
33 districts which have already incurred costs in the removal of
34 obsolete and hazardous chemicals from schools.

37 **Sec. 3. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated
38 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1988-89	1989-90
EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
School Facilities Programs --		
Local Schools		
All Other	\$100,000	\$100,000

49 **Sec. 4. Sunset.** This Act is repealed on July 1, 1990.

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1 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
3 preamble, this Act shall take effect on July 1, 1989.

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7 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

9 This bill provides direct matching grants to school
11 districts for the removal of obsolete and hazardous chemicals
from schools. The bill contains a retroactivity provision for
schools which have already removed chemicals.