

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1518

S.P. 547

In Senate, May 8, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs 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 BRAUN of Knox.
Cosponsored by Representative HANDY of Lewiston.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act Relating to Professionalization of Attendance Officers.



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

3 Sec. 1. 20-A MRS §5052-A is enacted to read:

5 §5052-A. Grants for school units for reducing truancy

7 1. Grants authorized. The department shall administer a
9 grant program to assist school units in reducing truancy by
11 providing money to establish full-time attendance officers in
13 school units.

15 2. Grant procedures. A school unit may apply for a grant
17 under this section to the department on a one-time only basis.
19 The department shall award a 2-year grant not to exceed \$25,000
21 for each year to a school unit which:

23 A. Demonstrates:

25 (1) A plan of action for reducing irregular attendance
27 and habitual truancy of students at the elementary and
29 middle grade levels;

31 (2) A compelling need to implement this plan of
33 action; and

35 (3) An assessment plan for the proposed plan of
37 action; and

39 B. Complies with procedures established under subsection 4.

41 3. Reimbursement to school units. Grant awards under this
43 section shall be deemed "local costs" for the purpose of
45 computing state school subsidy under the School Finance Act of
1985.

4. Rule-making authority. The commissioner may adopt rules
to implement this section, including, but not limited to,
procedures for applying for grants and reports for expenditures
by school units.

5. Future appropriations. The department shall include in
its budget estimates under Title 5, chapter 149, requests for
funding adequate to meet the requirements of this section.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated
from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT OF

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All Other

\$250,000

\$250,000

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Provides funds for grants to
assist school units in
reducing truancy.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill establishes a grant program, to be administered by
the Department of Educational and Cultural Services, aimed at
reducing truancy.

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