

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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114th MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION - 1989

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No. 1599

S.P. 571

In Senate, May 10, 1989

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator ESTES of York.

Cosponsored by Representative AULT of Wayne and Representative FOSS of Yarmouth.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Establish and Maintain a Comprehensive School Health Education
Demonstration Program.



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

3 Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4707 is enacted to read:

5 §4707. Comprehensive health education program grants

7 The department shall administer a comprehensive school
9 health education grants program according to this section.

11 1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the
13 context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the
15 following meanings.

17 A. "Comprehensive health education" includes:

19 (1) For elementary schools, instruction in community
21 health, consumer health, environmental health, family
23 life, growth and development, nutritional health,
25 personal health including mental and emotional health,
27 prevention and control of disease and disorders, safety
29 and accident prevention, and substance use and abuse,
31 including the effects of alcohol, tobacco and
33 narcotics; and

35 (2) For secondary schools, instruction in community
37 health, consumer health, environmental health, family
39 life, growth and development, nutritional health,
41 personal health including mental and emotional health,
43 prevention and control of disease and disorders, safety
45 and accident prevention which may include
47 cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and substance use and
49 abuse, including the affects of alcoholic drinks,
51 stimulants and narcotics upon the human system. For
secondary schools, the term may also include AIDS
prevention education.

2. Grants. The department shall administer a grants
program to award grants, on a matching basis, to school
administrative units to develop, implement, evaluate and
coordinate comprehensive school health education demonstration
programs, including such activities as:

A. Coordination of the health education program in grades
kindergarten to high school within the school administrative
unit and with other related programs in the community;

B. Training for elementary and secondary teachers in
comprehensive school health education; or

C. Development of the health curriculum or purchase of
health curriculum materials.

1 3. Rules. The department shall promulgate rules in
2 accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5,
3 chapter 375, to carry out this section. The rules must provide
4 for the establishment of a statewide advisory committee to
5 provide overall guidance to the department regarding funding and
6 evaluation criteria for the awarding of grants.

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8 4. Further appropriations. The department shall include in
9 its budget estimates under Title 5, chapter 149, a request for
10 funding adequate to meet the requirements of this section.

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

	1989-90	1990-91
EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
Bureau of Instruction		
Positions	(1/2)	(1/2)
Personal Services	\$22,270	\$31,097
Provides funds for 1/2 educational specialist II to administer the grant program.		
Bureau of Instruction		
All Other	77,730	318,903
Provides funds to be used as follows: \$10,000 in 1989-90 and \$5,000 in 1990-91 for updating materials for the Maine Health Education Resource Center; \$10,000 in 1989-90 and \$40,000 in 1990-91 to contract for an evaluation of students' knowledge, attitudes and skills prior to and after implementation of the grant program, as well as overall evaluation of comprehensive school health education programs; and the balance to be used for grants under this Act.		

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL AND
CULTURAL SERVICES**

TOTAL \$100,000 \$350,000

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill establishes a grants program to help local school districts to more effectively meet the requirements for comprehensive school health education as set forth in the so-called Education Reform Act of 1984. Many school districts in Maine have not fully implemented comprehensive school health education programs because they lack adequate financial resources. Experience in other states has shown that matching grants to local educational agencies is the best way to meet the individual needs of schools and communities and to assure long-term integration of the program. The bill also provides funds to update materials for the Maine Health Education Resource Center and to evaluate the health education status prior to and after implementation of the grants program.