

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1164

House of Representatives, May 10, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and ordered printed.

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative SMALL of Bath.

Cosponsored by Representative FOSS of Yarmouth, Senator ESTES of York and Representative PARADIS of Frenchville.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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An Act to Facilitate Collaboration Among School Agencies and  
Community Leaders Working on Behalf of At-risk Children.

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

3 Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA c. 211, sub-c. V is enacted to read:

5 SUBCHAPTER V

7 EARLY INTERVENTION

9 §5161. Definitions

11 As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise  
13 indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

15 1. Children at risk. "Children at risk" means children who  
17 are 5 years of age or older and under 13 who are identified to be  
19 at risk under rules promulgated by the department.

21 §5162. Early intervention projects

23 1. Establishment. The department shall establish 3  
25 demonstration projects for the identification and delivery of  
27 services to children at risk. Each project shall be a  
29 collaboration with a school administrative unit and the community  
31 where the unit is located.

33 2. Purposes. Each project shall seek to ensure that a full  
35 spectrum of services is available to address the problems of  
37 children at risk. Each project shall be designed to serve the  
39 entire community population of elementary school children at risk  
41 because of multiple problems. The project shall include, but  
43 need not be limited to, the following activities:

45 A. Identification of children in the target population;

47 B. Early intervention to increase the children's  
49 self-esteem and achievement and prevent the development of  
51 more serious problems;

C. Development and implementation of models for delivery of  
case management services for children and families involved  
with multiple agencies;

D. Development of collaborative and coordinated  
intervention strategies involving parents, schools, agencies  
and community leaders and resources; and

E. Evaluation of the impact of the project on the target  
population.

3. Administration. Each project shall be administered by a  
coordinator and a committee of at least 10, but no more than 20,

1 persons representing schools and state and local agencies, public  
2 or private, serving the target population.

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4 4. Funding. Funding for these projects shall be provided  
5 by the State to 3 communities, each community to be located in a  
6 demographically different area of the State. Each community  
7 shall provide a local match, which may be in kind, services or  
8 money, for project funding to equal 10% of the project costs for  
9 each year.

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11 5. Rules. The department shall promulgate rules in  
12 accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5,  
13 chapter 375, to carry out this subchapter. The rules must  
14 provide guidelines for the identification of children at risk.

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16 **Sec. 2. Report.** The Department of Educational and Cultural  
17 Services shall prepare a report to be submitted to the First  
18 Regular Session of the 116th Legislature on or before January 1,  
19 1993, to include evaluations of the projects established in this  
20 Act and recommendations for additional legislation if appropriate.

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

	1989-90	1990-91
<b>EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
Positions	(3)	(3)
Personal Services	\$60,000	\$60,000
All Other	14,500	14,500
Capital Expenditures	12,000	12,000
Provides funds for 3 coordinators, office expenses, training and program evaluation to carry out this Act.		
<b>DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$86,500</u>	<u>\$86,500</u>

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47 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

48 This bill establishes 3 pilot projects for early  
49 intervention for children at risk between the ages of 5 and 12.  
50 The projects shall be a collaborative effort between local school  
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1 administrative units and communities in an attempt to reduce the  
rate of early dropout and truancy. An evaluation of the pilot  
3 projects shall be conducted and a report made to the First  
Regular Session of the 116th Legislature.