

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 461

H.P. 331

House of Representatives, February 8, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and ordered printed.

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

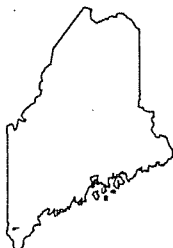
Presented by Representative WHITCOMB of Waldo.

Cosponsored by Senator GOULD of Waldo and Senator BRAUN of Knox.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

**An Act to Partially Fund Extraordinary Costs of Education in Island
Communities.**



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

20-A MRSA §15612, sub-§2, ¶D is enacted to read:

D. A school administrative unit with one or more schools located on an island may apply to the Department of Education annually for a transportation and lodging grant. Grants may equal, but not exceed, the amount, if any, by which costs in the following categories exceed average costs established by the department:

(1) Transportation and lodging of teachers and administrators for all professional development and certification programs;

(2) Transportation and lodging of students for academic and athletic events; and

(3) Transportation of all goods and supplies used in the school.

A school administrative unit must apply for a transportation and lodging grant by April 1st and the department must render a decision by July 1st. Grant awards under this paragraph must be made for the next school year. A school administrative unit may apply for a transportation and lodging grant regardless of its receipt of, or eligibility to receive, a geographic isolation grant under paragraphs A to C of this subsection.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill establishes a mechanism by which school administrative units with island schools may apply for additional state funds to offset transportation and lodging costs. The bill requires that the Commissioner of Education determine average expenditure levels for each of the 3 categories so that a comparison with island school unit costs may be made. Awards will be made independent of geographic isolation adjustments made to a school unit's operating allocation.