

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 26, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and ordered printed.

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

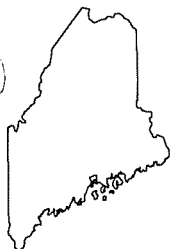
Presented by Representative HANDY of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Representative KILKELLY of Wiscasset, Representative PARADIS of Frenchville and Senator CLEVELAND of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Provide Full Pupil Subsidies for Home School Students.



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

20-A MRSA §5001-A, sub-§3, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 114,
is amended to read:

C. A student who is educated under the provisions of paragraph A in any manner other than in a private school approved under chapter 117, subchapter I shall be is counted as 1/2-a one student for the purpose of computing state aid under chapter 606. School administrative units shall provide full access to curricular activities, extracurricular activities and co-curricular activities for students receiving equivalent instruction through home instruction. For purposes of this paragraph, "curricular activities" is defined as regular academic programs and activities available to all students within the school administrative unit. "Extracurricular activities" is defined as all school activities outside the required curriculum. These activities include, but are not limited to, athletics, club membership and field trips. "Co-curricular activities" is defined as unique learning activities within or outside the classroom. School administrative units that fail to provide full access to curricular, extracurricular and co-curricular activities for home instruction students forfeit the per pupil share for those students. That share must be placed in an account with the department and used for the purchase of various materials on home instruction by the Maine State Library.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides access for home school students to curricular, extracurricular and co-curricular opportunities at the school administrative unit within whose jurisdiction they reside.

Under current law, school administrative units receive a 1/2 student subsidy for each home school student. However, home school students may participate in school programs only with the explicit approval of school authorities.

In return for a full subsidy for the school administrative unit, this bill provides for full participation in curricular, extracurricular and co-curricular activities for a home school student.