

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 618

House of Representatives, February 28, 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 PINES of Limestone.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act Concerning Home Schooling.

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 must be counted as 1/2 a student for the purpose of computing state aid under chapter 606. Up to \$1,000 per student of the state aid due to a school administrative unit under this paragraph is retained by the department to establish a home instruction equivalency monitoring program. Any aid in excess of \$1,000 must be distributed according to the provisions of chapter 606. As part of the home instruction equivalency monitoring program, the department shall:

(1) Conduct monthly inspections of each approved home instruction site;

(2) Ensure that a level of academic instruction comparable to in-school instruction is being provided to each student through home instruction;

(3) Where appropriate, provide technical assistance to home instructors to assist them in providing appropriate educational programming;

(4) Determine whether the equivalent home instruction program should be continued, altered or terminated; and

(5) Hire appropriate personnel or consultants to implement the home instruction equivalency monitoring program.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill directs the Department of Education to establish a home instruction equivalency monitoring program. The department is to conduct monthly inspections of home schooling sites; assure that adequate academic instruction is provided through home schooling; provide technical assistance to home school instructors; determine whether home school instruction programs should be continued; and hire consultants or other personnel to carry out the program.

To fund the program of home instruction equivalency monitoring, the department may retain up to \$1,000 of the state educational aid due to a school administrative unit for each student in the unit who is participating in approved home instruction.