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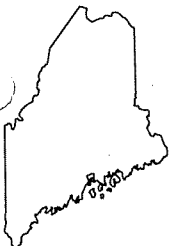
JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GILL of Cumberland
Cosponsored by Senator ESTES of York and Representative O'GARA of Westbrook.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Revise the Laws Concerning Innovative Educational Grants.



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

20-A MRS §17103, as amended by PL 1989, c. 548, §9, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§17103. School-based innovative projects

1. Objectives. Innovative project matching grants may be awarded to local school administrative units for projects that promote improvement on a school-wide basis. Allowable costs for school-based innovative grant projects are the excess cost of implementing approved projects. Allowable costs in all eligible years must be funded through a grant made on the same matching basis as the division of state and local shares in a school administrative unit's state and local allocation in the year prior to the year of allocation with the minimum state share being 50%. Each project must include a plan to more effectively meet the learning needs and improve the academic performance of all students through:

A. The development of comprehensive goals prescribing what all students should know, the skills they should possess and the attitudes they should hold upon completing school; and

B. A commitment to revise the basic school structure to achieve the comprehensive goals.

In 3rd and subsequent years, for plans that have been evaluated as effective by the department, allowable costs may be added to the school administrative unit's subsidized cost under chapter 606.

2. Competitive awards. Matching grants must be awarded on a competitive basis to local school administrative units. Priority must be given to proposals that the commissioner determines are most likely to make a lasting contribution to education in the State, that are reasonably cost-effective and that can be replicated elsewhere. The commissioner shall identify additional priority areas using information from basic school approval, accreditation and statewide student assessment programs. In exceptional circumstances, the commissioner may waive the local-state matching fund requirement.

A. Local school administrative units may be awarded matching grants up to \$30,000.

B. Local school administrative units are eligible for up to 5 years of continuing funding.

C. Awards in subsequent years may be made for projects identified by the commissioner as having exceptional merit.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill increases the maximum allowable local school-based grant from \$10,000 to \$30,000, establishes a minimum state match of 50% and allows for continuing funding from a maximum of 3 years to a maximum of 5 years.