

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1081

House of Representatives, April 17, 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.

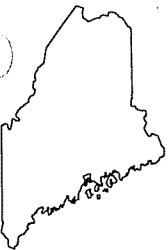
Cosponsored by Representative CROWLEY of Stockton Springs, Representative PARADIS of Frenchville and Representative SKOGLUND of St. George.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Repeal the Maine Educational Assessment Program.

(EMERGENCY)



Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
as emergencies; and

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Whereas, the State is currently experiencing financial
6 difficulties; and

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Whereas, it is essential to preserve the vital functions and
services of various departments and agencies and eliminate
10 nonessential services; and

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Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
14 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
16 safety; now, therefore,

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

20 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §260, sub-§1, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 1983, c.
859, Pt. K, §2, is amended to read:

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A. There shall ~~must~~ be a statewide kindergarten screening
24 and assessment program ~~as part of the statewide assessment~~
~~program.~~

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Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §2951, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1985, c.
28 797, §25, is further amended to read:

30 **3. Incorporated.** Is incorporated under the laws of the
State of Maine or of the United States; and

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Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §2951, sub-§5, as amended by PL 1985, c.
34 797, §26, is further amended to read:

36 **5. Additional requirements.** Complies with the reporting
and auditing requirements in sections 2952 and 2953 and the
38 requirements adopted pursuant to section 2954; ~~and.~~

40 **Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §2952, §6,** as enacted by PL 1985, c. 797,
§27, is repealed.

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Sec. 5. 20-A MRSA c. 222, as amended, is repealed.

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Sec. 6. 20-A MRSA §17103, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1983, c.
46 859, Pt. E, §§1 and 2, is amended to read:

48 **2. Competitive awards.** Matching grants shall ~~must~~ be
awarded on a competitive basis to schools working collaboratively
50 and to single schools. Priority shall ~~must~~ be given to proposals
that the commissioner believes are most likely to make a lasting
52 contribution to Maine education, that are reasonably

2 cost-effective and that can be replicated elsewhere. Additional
3 priority areas shall must be identified by the commissioner,
4 using information from basic school approval, and accreditation
5 and ~~statewide student assessment~~ programs. In exceptional
6 circumstances, the commissioner may waive the local-state
7 matching fund requirement.

8 A. Single schools may be awarded matching grants up to
9 \$10,000.

10 B. Groups of schools may be awarded matching grants up to
11 \$20,000.

12 C. Second-year awards may not exceed the amount of the
13 award obtained the first year. The total amount of funds for
14 2nd-year awards may not exceed 33% of the total funds
15 available for school-based innovative projects.

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

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21 **Sec. 7. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated
22 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Assessment of Student
Performance

Positions	(-6)	(-6)
Personal Services	(\$297,020)	(\$311,822)
All Other	(835,915)	(868,393)
Capital Expenditures	(4,117)	
TOTAL	(\$1,137,052)	(\$1,180,215)

Provides for the
deappropriation of funds from
the elimination of the
statewide educational
assessment program.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill eliminates the statewide educational assessment
program.