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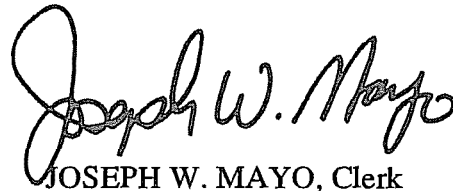
No. 1146

H.P. 841

House of Representatives, April 1, 1993

An Act to Provide Additional Funds to Educate Certain At-risk Students.

Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative ROWE of Portland.
Cosponsored by Representative TOWNSEND of Portland, Senator PARADIS of Aroostook and Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, ALIBERTI of Lewiston, BEAM of Lewiston, BRENNAN of Portland, COFFMAN of Old Town, DiPIETRO of South Portland, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, HOGLUND of Portland, LEMONT of Kittery, MICHAEL of Auburn, PARADIS of Augusta, RAND of Portland, RICHARDSON of Portland, SULLIVAN of Bangor, Senator: BRANNIGAN of Cumberland.

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

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4 **Sec. 1.** 20-A MRSA §6004, sub-§2, ¶¶D and E are enacted to read:

6 D. A student with limited English proficiency must be
8 counted as 1.2 students for purposes of this section.
10 "Limited English proficiency" has the meaning set forth in
12 the Bilingual Education Act, 20 United States Code, Section
14 3283 (a) (1) (1988).

16 E. A student who is eligible to receive a free or
18 reduced-price meal under the federal school lunch program
20 must be counted as 1.2 students for purposes of this section.

22 **Sec. 2.** 20-A MRSA §15612, sub-§12, as amended by PL 1989, c.
24 875, Pt. E, §31, is repealed.

26 **Sec. 3.** 20-A MRSA §15612, sub-§13, as enacted by PL 1989, c.
28 875, Pt. E, §32, is amended to read:

30 **13. Adjustment limitations.** The amounts of the adjustments
32 paid to school administrative units or municipalities in
34 subsections 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 10, and 11 and 12 are limited to the
amounts appropriated by the Legislature for these adjustments.

STATEMENT OF FACT

30 This bill provides for weighted pupil counts for students
32 with limited English proficiency and economically disadvantaged
34 students. The bill adjusts the foundation funding formula
operating costs allocation by recognizing the additional costs
associated with educating those students. The bill repeals a
current provision that allows for limited low-income student
adjustment to certain school administrative units.