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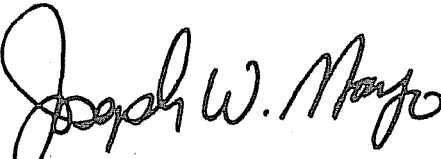
No. 1680

H.P. 1253

House of Representatives, January 11, 1994

An Act to Encourage Efficiency in School Spending.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.
Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative HATCH of Skowhegan.
Cosponsored by Senator PARADIS of Aroostook and
Representatives: CLEMENT of Clinton, DiPIETRO of South Portland, GWADOSKY of
Fairfield, LEMKE of Westbrook, PENDLETON of Scarborough, PLOURDE of Biddeford,
TARDY of Palmyra, VIGUE of Winslow.

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

4 Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15613, sub-§9-A is enacted to read:

6 9-A. Efficiency savings. Notwithstanding subsection 9, any
8 portion of an unallocated year-end balance resulting from
10 efficiency savings may be retained by a school administrative
12 unit subject to the following restrictions.

14 A. School administrative units shall submit a plan for
16 efficiency savings to the department. The department shall
18 verify the efficiency savings and designate the portion of
20 the unallocated balance attributable to efficiency savings.

22 B. A school administrative unit may retain 75% of the
24 unallocated balance attributable to efficiency savings.

26 C. Funds retained from efficiency savings may be used for
28 basic programs and services for students. A school
30 administrative unit may not use the funds to establish
32 administrative positions.

24 STATEMENT OF FACT

26 This bill allows schools to retain 75% of the savings
28 attributable to efficiency savings to fund basic programs and
30 services for students. Administrative positions may not be
funded with efficiency savings.

32 Under current law, unallocated balances in excess of 3% of a
34 school unit's previous year school budget must be used to reduce
36 the state and local shares of education subsidy. This bill would
exempt unallocated balances that are a result of efficiency
savings from that requirement.

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40 This document has not yet been reviewed to determine the
42 need for cross-reference, stylistic and other technical
amendments to conform existing law to current drafting standards.