

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 117th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 248

House of Representatives, January 31, 1995

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### **An Act to Encourage Collaboration between Local School Units.**

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Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative REED of Falmouth.  
Cosponsored by Senator SMALL of Sagadahoc and  
Representatives: AULT of Wayne, BARTH of Bethel, BUCK of Yarmouth, HARTNETT of  
Freeport, TAYLOR of Cumberland, Senator: ABROMSON of Cumberland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §17101**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 700, Pt. A, §74, is further amended to read:

6 **§17101. Intent**

8 The intent of this chapter is to promote creative  
10 improvement in the schools of the State. The Commissioner of  
12 Education shall promote innovative projects by means of grants to  
14 teachers, school administrative units ~~or~~, private schools  
16 approved for tuition purposes or groups of school administrative  
18 units formed for the purpose of providing improved educational  
20 opportunity through the sharing of resources among the member  
22 units. It is not the intent of this chapter to provide funds for  
24 programs or services normally provided by those school systems.  
Project dissemination will be accomplished through the department  
through instructional support group staff. The use of state,  
regional and national diffusion networks will be encouraged.

22 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

24 This bill encourages local school units to enter into  
26 collaborative ventures to pursue the sharing of resources by  
28 making such collaborative ventures eligible for the innovative  
grants program.