

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 881

H.P. 658

House of Representatives, March 21, 1995

An Act to Amend the Education Funding Formula.

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 BRENNAN of Portland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CLOUTIER of South Portland, DAGGETT of Augusta, FITZPATRICK of Durham, JOHNSON of South Portland, JONES of Bar Harbor, LIBBY of Buxton, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, O'GARA of Westbrook, RICHARDSON of Portland, ROWE of Portland, WATSON of Farmingdale, Senators: ABROMSON of Cumberland, CLEVELAND of Androscoggin.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §6303** is enacted to read:

6 **§6303. Medicaid for health and human services**

8 A school administrative unit may receive funds from the
10 Medicaid program pursuant to the United States Social Security
12 Act, 42 United States Code, for the provision of health and human
14 services to eligible students in accordance with section 15613,
16 subsection 16. No less than 70% of the savings that result from
receipt of Medicaid funds must be used to provide health and
human services to eligible students. For purposes of this
section, the total amount of Medicaid funds received by a school
administrative unit is considered savings.

18 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15613, sub-§16** is enacted to read:

20 **16. Medicaid.** The state share of the foundation allocation
22 may not be adjusted for a school administrative unit that
24 receives Medicaid funds for the provision of health and human
services to eligible students pursuant to the United States
Social Security Act, 42 United States Code and section 6303.

26 **Sec. 3. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated
from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

28 **1995-96**

30 **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

32 **Division of Special Services**

34 All Other \$50,000

36 Provides funds to the Department of
38 Education for technical assistance to school
40 administrative units seeking Medicaid
42 reimbursement for health and human services
for students.

44 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

46 This bill permits a school administrative unit to receive
48 Medicaid funds for the provision of health and human services to
students without a subsequent reduction in general purpose aid by
the State provided that the school administrative unit expends at
50 least 70% of the savings from the receipt of Medicaid funds on

health and human services for students. The bill also provides
2 for a General Fund appropriation of \$50,000 to the Department of
Education to provide technical assistance to school
4 administrative units seeking Medicaid reimbursement.