

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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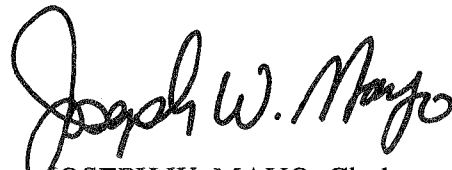
House of Representatives, January 9, 1997

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**An Act Regarding Balances Remaining in General Purpose Aid for Local Schools.**

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

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland.  
Cosponsored by Senator SMALL of Sagadahoc and  
Representatives: BARTH of Bethel, DESMOND of Mapleton, McELROY of Unity.

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

4 Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15653, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

6 5. Unexpended balances. Any unexpended balances from  
8 amounts appropriated for general purpose aid for local schools  
10 may not lapse but must be carried forward for the same purpose.  
12 If the carried amount for any year exceeds \$1,000,000, the  
14 Commissioner of Education shall propose rules that distribute the  
16 total amount of these funds to school administrative units.  
18 These rules are major substantive rules and are subject to  
20 legislative review in accordance with Title 5, chapter 375,  
subchapter II-A.

### SUMMARY

18 This bill requires that when unexpended year-end balances  
20 from appropriations to general purpose aid for local schools  
exceed \$1,000,000, the Commissioner of Education must propose  
rules that distribute these balances back to schools.