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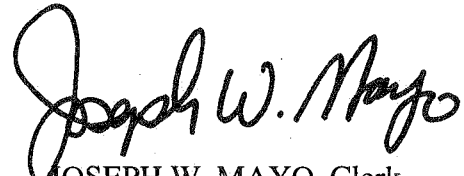
House of Representatives, January 28, 1997

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### **An Act to Dedicate Lottery Revenue to Education.**

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Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative LEMONT of Kittery.  
Cosponsored by Senator KIEFFER of Aroostook and  
Representatives: CAMPBELL of Holden, GIERINGER of Portland, JONES of Bar Harbor,  
JOY of Crystal, LANE of Enfield, PERKINS of Penobscot, WHEELER of Eliot, WINSOR of  
Norway.

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

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Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §374, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

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6. Net revenue from the Tri-state Lotto. The State Liquor and Lottery Commission shall provide annually Maine's net proceeds from the Tri-state Lotto to the Lottery Support for Education Fund established pursuant to chapter 15-A.

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Sec. 2. 8 MRSA §387, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by PL 1995, c. 494, §5, is further amended to read:

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C. For payment to the General Fund; and

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Sec. 3. 8 MRSA §387, sub-§1, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 494, §5, is amended to read:

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D. For payment to the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund pursuant to Title 12, section 7782, ; and

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Sec. 4. 8 MRSA §387, sub-§1, ¶E is enacted to read:

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E. For payment to the Lottery Support for Education Fund pursuant to chapter 15-A.

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Sec. 5. 8 MRSA C. 15-A is enacted to read:

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CHAPTER 15-A

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LOTTERY SUPPORT FOR EDUCATION FUND

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§397. Fund established

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There is established the Lottery Support for Education Fund, in this chapter referred to as "the fund." The fund consists of any revenues received pursuant to section 387 and any funds received as contributions from private and public sources. The fund, to be accounted within the Department of Education, must be held separate and apart from all other money, funds and accounts. Eligible investment earnings credited to the assets of the fund become part of the assets of the fund. Any balance remaining in the fund at the end of any fiscal year does not lapse but must be carried forward to the next fiscal year.

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§398. Purpose of fund

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The fund is for the sole purpose of providing resources to elementary and secondary schools to stimulate and assist educational restructuring and improvements for enhanced student learning.

2 **§399. Relation to other funding**

4 The fund supplements sources and levels of funding  
6 appropriated and allocated by the Legislature for elementary and  
8 secondary school programs. Grants received from the fund may not  
10 be considered a substitute for funds previously appropriated or  
12 allocated for school programs.

14 **§400. Fund administration**

16 The Commissioner of Education shall administer the fund.  
18 The commissioner is authorized to adopt rules that specify the  
20 criteria and procedures for awarding grants from the fund to  
22 elementary and secondary schools. Rules adopted are major  
24 substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter  
26 II-A and must be reviewed by the joint standing committee of the  
Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural  
affairs and approved by the Legislature.

**SUMMARY**

This bill dedicates the State's net revenues from the Tri-state Lotto games to programs to assist educational restructuring and enhance student learning in the State's elementary and secondary schools.