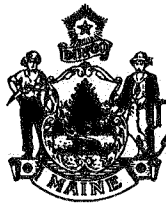


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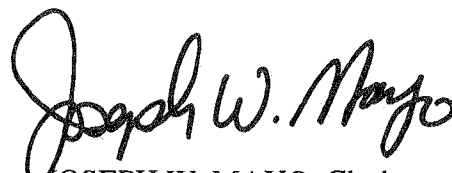
House of Representatives, February 20, 1997

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**An Act to Protect Local Education Agencies from Excess Costs  
Attributable to Special Education Students.**

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

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative CHARTRAND of Rockland.  
Cosponsored by Senator PINGREE of Knox and  
Representatives: BRUNO of Raymond, McELROY of Unity, McKEE of Wayne, MITCHELL  
of Vassalboro, POWERS of Rockport, ROWE of Portland, TOBIN of Dexter, Senator:  
LAWRENCE of York.

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

4                   **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §7301, sub-§3** is enacted to read:

6                   3. Increase in state subsidy. The State shall increase a  
8                   school administrative unit's state share of subsidy up to the  
10                   amount of the placement cost in the event of budgetary hardship  
12                   caused by costs of residential placement of a student with a  
14                   disability. To obtain the increased share, a school  
16                   administrative unit must petition the commissioner at the time  
18                   the unit submits tuition placement forms. The Legislature shall  
20                   appropriate funds for this adjustment in state subsidy.

### 22                   **SUMMARY**

24                   This bill increases a school administrative unit's state  
share of subsidy up to the amount of the placement cost in the  
event of budgetary hardship caused by costs of residential  
placement of a student with a disability. This bill requires a  
school administrative unit to petition the Commissioner of  
Education to obtain an increase in state share and the  
Legislature to appropriate funds for this adjustment in state  
subsidy.