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118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1997

Legislative Document

No. 1355

H.P. 975

House of Representatives, March 4, 1997

An Act to Fully Fund Local Education with Income and Sales Tax Revenues.

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative GOODWIN of Pembroke.

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4	Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15602, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1985, c. 505, §12, is further amended to read:
6	1. Contributions from General Fund. It is the intent of the Legislature to provide at-least-55% 100% of the cost of the
8	total allocation from General Fund revenue sources era
10	percentage-no-less-than-that-provided-in-the-year-prior-to-the year-of-allocation,-whichever-is-greater.
12	The amount of the teacher recognition grants authorized in section 13503-A which that are paid or deemed eligible to be paid
14	on August 15, 1986, shall must be added to the actual local operating costs expended by local units in 1986-87. The minimum
16	amount of the cost of the total allocation from General Fund revenue sources for 1988-89 shall must be increased by the total
18	amount expended by the State in 1986-87 for teacher recognition grants in accordance with section 13503-A and block grants in
20	accordance with section 13509. The resulting percentage shall must be used to define the minimum percentage contribution from
22	General Fund revenue sources in 1988-89 and subsequent years.
24	Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.
26	1998-99
28	ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL
30	SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
32	Executive Branch Departments and Independent Agencies -
34	Statewide
36	Unallocated (\$642,971,233)
38	Deappropriates funds in order to maintain a balanced budget.
40	DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND
42	FINANCIAL SERVICES TOTAL (642,971,233)
44	EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF
46	General Purpose Aid for
48	Local Schools

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

All Other 642,971,233

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Provides funds to pay 100% of the costs of education for students in grades kindergarten through grade 12. These amounts take into account the net appropriations proposed in the Governor's 1998-1999 current services budget.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TOTAL

642,971,233

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TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS

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Sec. 3. Legislation; Department of Education. The Department of Education shall submit any proposed legislation necessary to implement section 1 to the Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature no later than January 16, 1998.

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Sec. 4. Legislation; State Budget Officer. The State Budget Officer shall submit any proposed legislation necessary to implement the statewide deappropriations in section 2 to the Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature no later than January 16, 1998.

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Sec. 5. Effective date. Section 1 of this Act takes effect July 1, 1998.

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SUMMARY

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This bill provides General Fund appropriations to the Department of Education to fully fund the cost of education for students in kindergarten through grade 12. Reductions in funding for all other departments and agencies are proposed to fund these additional education costs. The Department of Education and the State Budget Officer are directed to submit any proposed legislation required to implement the provisions of this bill by January 16, 1998.