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## 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, March 4, 1997

Resolve, that the Department of Education Establish a Grant Program to Promote Consolidation and Efficiency in Education.

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

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland. Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland and Representatives: McELROY of Unity, WATSON of Farmingdale, Senator: MILLS of Somerset. Sec. 1. Commissioner of Education to establish a grant program to promote consolidation and efficiency. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Education shall establish a grant program for the purpose of promoting efficiency and consolidation in the local school districts; and be it further

- Sec. 2. Purpose and eligibility. Resolved: That a school district or school districts are eligible to apply for a grant from the Commissioner of Education for the purposes of creating efficiencies or consolidation of programs or services in the local school districts. A request for a grant must include a description of the program or programs proposed for consolidation or increased efficiency; the goal or goals of the grant request; a timeline for completion; and the amount requested to carry out the grant program. All grants are made by the commissioner on a competitive basis; and be it further
- Sec. 3. Funding. Resolved: That the grant program is funded from any unexpended balances in the General Purpose Aid account not to exceed \$200,000 in any year.

## **SUMMARY**

This resolve directs the Commissioner of Education to establish a grant program funded from the General Purpose Aid account, not to exceed \$200,000 in any one year, for the purpose of promoting efficiency and consolidation in the local school districts.