

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1622

H.P. 1158

House of Representatives, March 21, 1997

**An Act to Require That a Course in Multicultural Education Be Included
in All Teacher Preparation Programs in the State.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative McKEE of Wayne.
Cosponsored by Senator PARADIS of Aroostook and
Representatives: BAKER of Bangor, GAGNE of Buckfield, MAILHOT of Lewiston,
MITCHELL of Portland, SIROIS of Caribou, TOWNSEND of Portland, Senator: JENKINS
of Androscoggin.

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

2 Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §10706-A is enacted to read:

4 §10706-A. Multicultural education courses in teacher preparation
6 programs

8 An educational institution shall offer a required course in
10 multicultural education in any teacher preparation program it
12 offers for academic credit.

12 Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §10909 is enacted to read:

14 §10909. Multicultural education courses in teacher preparation
16 programs

18 The University of Maine System shall offer a required course
20 in multicultural education in any teacher preparation program
22 within the system for academic credit.

22 SUMMARY

24 This bill requires that teacher preparation programs offered
in the State include a required course in multicultural education.