

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1419

House of Representatives, January 14, 1998

An Act Regarding the State Subsidy for Kindergarten Programs.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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 McELROY of Unity.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BUMPS of China, CLUKEY of Houlton, CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft, WATSON of Farmingdale, Senators: LIBBY of York, PENDLETON of Cumberland.

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

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Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §6004, sub-§2, ¶D is enacted to read:

D. For the purposes of the state school subsidy, a student enrolled in a school administrative unit's one-year or 2-year early childhood education program must be counted according to the following provisions:

(1) A child who will be at least 4 years of age on October 15th of the school year and is provided at least 12 1/2 hours per week but less than 25 hours per week of scheduled instruction time in a system-wide one-year or 2-year early childhood education program must be counted as one student; and

(2) A child who will be at least 4 years of age on October 15th of the school year and is provided at least 25 hours per week of scheduled instruction time in a system-wide one-year or 2-year early childhood education program must be counted as 2 students.

SUMMARY

This bill provides that a kindergarten program in a school administrative unit must receive the full state subsidy for each child who receives at least 12 1/2 hours per week of scheduled instruction time and a school administrative unit must receive an amount equal to twice the full state subsidy for each child who receives at least 25 hours per week of scheduled instruction time.