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No. 2140

H.P. 1518

House of Representatives, January 20, 1998

An Act to Implement the Maine Arts Commission's Arts in Education Program.

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 WATSON of Farmingdale.
Cosponsored by Senator AMERO of Cumberland and
Representatives: BELANGER of Caribou, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, TOWNSEND of
Portland, WINGLASS of Auburn, Senators: CATHCART of Penobscot, MILLS of Somerset,
PARADIS of Aroostook, SMALL of Sagadahoc.

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

4 Sec. 1. 27 MRSA c. 15, sub-c. I-A is enacted to read:

6 SUBCHAPTER I-A

8 ARTS IN EDUCATION PROGRAM

10 §411. Arts in Education Program

12 The Maine Arts Commission shall establish the Arts in
14 Education Program, referred to in this subchapter as the
16 "program," to provide support for planning and implementing
18 artist residencies and related school and community arts programs
20 to increase arts education opportunities in the State. The
22 program is designed on a 3-year rotating basis. The program
24 allows a public school system to participate by developing a
26 comprehensive arts education plan, activities to implement the
28 plan and an evaluation of the plan.

30 §412. Duties of the Maine Arts Commission

32 To accomplish the goals of the program, the Maine Arts
34 Commission shall:

36 1. Funding. Provide funding to 1/3 of the schools in the
38 State each year on a 3-year rotating basis;

40 2. Professional artists. Use professional artists in
42 developing a process for achieving learning results;

44 3. School systems. Invite school systems, through their
46 superintendents, to participate in the program;

48 4. Goals. Work with school systems to identify common
50 education goals;

5. Training; information; seed money. Provide training,
information and seed money to each local arts education committee
composed of school personnel and residents of the school district
to develop a 3-year plan to increase arts education
opportunities; and

6. Curriculum; projects. Promote artist residencies,
professional development for teachers, curriculum development and
advocacy and information projects.

52 §413. Duties of the school district

54 Under the program, each participating school district shall:

2 1. Committee. Establish a local arts education committee
to develop a 3-year plan to increase arts opportunities in the
4 school district. Members of the committee may include teachers,
art teachers, parents, art administrators, school administrators,
6 business people, artists, school board members and students;

8 2. Orientation and training. Provide for the local arts
education committee to participate in orientation and training
10 sessions;

12 3. Plan. Implement, evaluate and report to the Maine Arts
Commission on the plan; and

14 4. Resources. Allocate Maine Arts Commission resources
according to a per-pupil cost formula in the first year of the
16 plan.

18 **Sec. 2. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated
from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

20 **1998-99**

22 **MAINE ARTS COMMISSION**

24 **Arts programs**

26 All Other \$150,000

28 Provides funds to implement the Arts in
30 Education Program.

32 **SUMMARY**

34 This bill creates the Maine Arts Commission's Arts in
36 Education Program.

38 This bill also appropriates \$150,000 to the Maine Arts
40 Commission to allow for the implementation of the Arts in
Education Program.