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## 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## **SECOND REGULAR SESSION-1998**

Legislative Document

No. 2163

H.P. 1536

House of Representatives, January 26, 1998

An Act to Require the State to Be Responsible for the Costs of School Employee Record Checks and Fingerprinting.

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.

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative LEMAIRE of Lewiston. Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, BRENNAN of Portland, FULLER of Manchester, GREEN of Monmouth, KONTOS of Windham, O'NEAL of Limestone, Senator: RAND of Cumberland.

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

- Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §6103, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1995, c.
  4 547, §5, is amended to read:
- 6 4. Expenses. Netwithstanding-Title-26,-sections-594-and 629,-the The expense of obtaining the information required by this section must be paid by the applicant State.

## **SUMMARY**

Current law requires the Department of Education to certify, authorize or approve most professional and semiprofessional education personnel working in the State. Beginning in fiscal year 1999-2000, the certification, authorization and approval processes and renewals of certifications, authorizations and approvals will require applicants to undergo fingerprinting and criminal record checks. This bill makes the State, rather than the applicant, responsible for the costs of these fingerprinting and criminal record checks.