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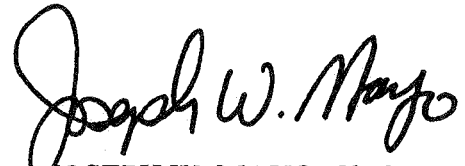
H.P. 1628

House of Representatives, March 4, 1998

**An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force to Study
Strategies to Support Parents as Children's First Teachers.**

Reported by Representative BAKER for the Task Force to Study Strategies to Support Parents as Children's First Teachers pursuant to Resolve 1997, chapter 68.

Reference to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and printing ordered under Joint Rule 218.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

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

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Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4711, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 859, Pt. C, §§5 and 7, is amended to read:

§4711. Elementary course of study

The basic course of study for the elementary schools shall must provide for the instruction of all students in the English language, including reading, writing, spelling and grammar; library instruction; mathematics; science; music, art and drama; American history and government; social studies; Maine studies, including the history, geography, culture and natural and industrial resources of the State; health, hygiene and safety; parenting education, including the study of child development, early brain development and the process and responsibilities of parenting; physical education; and physiology and hygiene, with special reference to the effects of substance abuse, including alcohol, tobacco and narcotics upon the human system.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §4730 is enacted to read:

§4730. Parenting education

The secondary course of study must include instruction in parenting education, including study of child development, early brain development and the process and responsibilities of parenting.

Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §10902, sub-§18, as amended by PL 1997, c. 530, Pt. A, §34, is further amended to read:

18. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families recipients. To develop programs with the goal of enabling recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families to achieve educational and skill levels that will assist them to compete for employment; and

Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §10902, sub-§19, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 407, §4, is amended to read:

19. Public school restructuring. To encourage the public and private postsecondary education institutions in the State to cooperate with the commissioner, the state board and school administrative units to provide appropriate and timely professional development programs and other support services to educators in public schools engaged in school restructuring efforts; and

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Sec. 5. 20-A MRSA §10902, sub-§20 is enacted to read:

20. Parenting education. To incorporate as part of the undergraduate course of study for all students at each campus in the University of Maine System parenting education, including the study of child development, early brain development and the process and responsibilities of parenting.

Sec. 6. 20-A MRSA §12704, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 695, §11, is amended to read:

6. ~~Special training and education. Provide~~ Providing, directly or through contractual or other arrangements, remedial and special training and education programs for disadvantaged and handicapped persons, designed to enable them to make maximum use of their aptitudes and abilities and achieve meaningful employment and economic self-sufficiency; and

Sec. 7. 20-A MRSA §12704, sub-§7, as amended by PL 1997, c. 530, Pt. A, §34, is further amended to read:

7. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program. In cooperation with the Department of Human Services, Division of Welfare Employment, ~~provide~~ providing, directly or through contractual or other arrangements, preparatory, educational and training programs for recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, designed to enable them to achieve meaningful employment and economic self-sufficiency; and

Sec. 8. 20-A MRSA §12704, sub-§8 is enacted to read:

8. Parenting education. Incorporating as part of the course of study for all students at each campus parenting education, including the study of child development, early brain development and the process and responsibilities of parenting.

Sec. 9. PL 1995, c. 649, §8 is amended to read:

Sec. 8. Establish student assessments. Student achievement of the learning results established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 6209 must be measured by a combination of state and local assessments to measure progress and ensure accountability. The 4th-grade, 8th-grade and 11th-grade results of the Maine Education Assessment, the "MEA," are the state assessments used to measure achievement of the learning results. The 4th-grade and 8th-grade MEA must be used to measure achievement of the learning results beginning in the 1998-99 school year. The 11th-grade MEA must be used to measure achievement of the learning results beginning in the 1999-2000

2 school year. The 11th-grade MEA must include a component for
3 assessing student proficiency in career preparation as soon as
4 practicable, but not later than the 2001-02 school year. Local
5 school administrative units may develop additional assessments to
6 measure achievement of the learning results, including student
7 portfolios, performances, demonstrations and other records of
8 achievements.

10 SUMMARY

12 This bill implements recommendations of the Task Force to
13 Study Strategies to Support Parents as Children's First Teachers
14 created by Resolve 1997, chapter 68. The bill requires
15 elementary and secondary public schools to provide parenting
16 education as part of their curricula. The University of Maine
17 System and the Maine Technical College System are also charged
18 with the responsibility of incorporating parenting education into
19 their courses of study. The bill also requires that the
20 assessment of 11th-grade students include an assessment of
21 student proficiency in career preparation.
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