

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 121

S.P. 51

In Senate, January 11, 1999

**An Act to Require the State to Fully Fund Out-of-district Placement of
Special Education Students.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative BAKER of Bangor and
Senators: AMERO of Cumberland, SMALL of Sagadahoc, Representatives: COLWELL of
Gardiner, COWGER of Hallowell, DUGAY of Cherryfield, ETNIER of Harpswell, PERKINS
of Penobscot, PINKHAM of Lamoine.

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

4 **Sec. 1. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated
4 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

6		1999-00	2000-01
8	EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
10	General Purpose Aid for		
10	Local Schools		
12			
12	All Other	\$6,109,000	\$6,109,000
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14	Provides funds to fully fund		
16	the cost of out-of-district		
16	placement of special		
18	education students.		

20 **SUMMARY**

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24 Current law requires that school administrative units that
24 place students in out-of-district placements receive adjustments
26 that offset the costs of those placements. However, the funds
26 for those adjustments are limited to the amount appropriated by
28 the Legislature. Appropriations for the past several years have
28 addressed less than 25% of the amount needed to fully fund this
30 adjustment. This bill appropriates the funds needed to fully
30 fund the out-of-district adjustment costs.