

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 522

House of Representatives, January 26, 1999

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### **An Act to Increase State Funding for the Purchase of School Buses.**

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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 BERRY of Livermore.  
Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin and  
Representatives: BRYANT of Dixfield, JACOBS of Turner, KNEELAND of Easton,  
LaVERDIERE of Wilton, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, STANLEY of Medway.

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

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

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**EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

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**General Purpose Aid for  
Local Schools**

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All Other                                      \$1,500,000                      \$1,500,000

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Provides funds to increase the State's subsidy for school bus purchases to \$6,000,000 annually. In distributing these additional funds, the Department of Education shall give priority to the replacement of buses that are at least 10 years old in school administrative units whose current state percentage of aid for program costs is more than 50%.

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**SUMMARY**

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This bill increases the funding available for school bus purchases. It requires the Department of Education, in distributing the additional funds, to give priority to the replacement of buses that are at least 10 years old in school administrative units whose current state percentage of aid for program costs is more than 50%.

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