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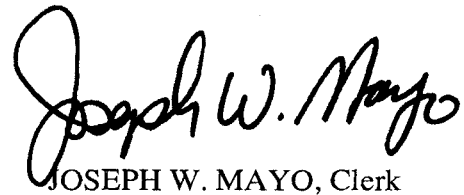
No. 878

H.P. 628

House of Representatives, February 2, 1999

**An Act to Require the State to Be Responsible for the Costs of School
Employee Criminal History Records Checks and Fingerprinting.**

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


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative GREEN of Monmouth.
Cosponsored by Senator KONTOS of Cumberland and
Representatives: BELANGER of Caribou, GAGNE of Buckfield, JACOBS of Turner,
McKEE of Wayne, SULLIVAN of Biddeford, TRUE of Fryeburg, WATSON of Farmingdale,
Senator: DAGGETT of Kennebec.

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

Sec. 1. 20 MRSA §6103, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 547, §5, is amended to read:

4. **Expenses.** ~~Notwithstanding Title 26, sections 594 and 629, the~~ The expense of obtaining the information required by this section must be paid by the ~~applicant~~ person applying for initial certification, authorization or approval and by the State for a person's renewal of certification, authorization or approval.

Sec. 2. **Limitation.** If funds are not appropriated to the Department of Education to carry out the purposes of this Act, the department is not responsible for the expense of obtaining criminal history records and fingerprinting for any person applying for renewal of certification, authorization or approval.

SUMMARY

This bill requires certain applicants for initial certification, authorization or approval as school employees to pay for the expenses involved in undergoing fingerprinting and obtaining criminal history records. The bill also requires that the State pay the expense of obtaining fingerprints and criminal history records for any person renewing their certification, authorization or approval. If funds are not appropriated to the Department of Education to pay the expense of fingerprinting and obtaining criminal history records for any person's renewal, the department is not responsible for paying this expense.