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An Act to Make Courses that Teach English as a 2nd Language Reimbursable by the State.

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

SEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BELANGER of Caribou. Cosponsored by Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, JOY of Crystal, SIROIS of Caribou, WHEELER of Bridgewater.

	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15603, sub-§26-A, ¶B, as enacted by PL
4	1993, c. 410, Pt. F, §15, is amended to read:
б	B. "Actual local program costs" includes the following:
8	(1) Bus purchase costs as defined in subsection 7;
10	(2) Early childhood educational program costs as defined in subsection 10;
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14	(3) Special education costs as defined in subsection22;
16	(4) Transportation operating costs as defined in subsection 29; and
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20	(5) Vocational education costs as defined in subsection 30 .; and
22	(6) Transitional instruction program using bilingual techniques costs as defined in subsection 28-A.
24	Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15603, sub-§28-A is enacted to read:
26	28-A. Transitional instruction program using bilingual
28	techniques. "Transitional instruction program using bilingual techniques" means the costs of approved plans implemented under
30	chapter 207-A, subchapter I, section 4701, subsection 2.
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34	SUMMARY
36	This bill establishes that approved courses that teach
30	English as a 2nd language are to be included as a subsidizable program cost under the School Finance Act of 1985. Under this
38	bill, schools with approved courses that teach English as a 2nd language must be reimbursed by the State for the costs of these
40	courses.