

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1999

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Legislative Document

No. 1280

H.P. 902

House of Representatives, February 16, 1999

**An Act to Provide Funding for School Drug Awareness and Education Programs.**

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Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative AHEARNE of Madawaska.  
Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland and  
Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, O'NEAL of Limestone, TUTTLE of Sanford,  
WHEELER of Bridgewater, WHEELER of Eliot, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §1059** is enacted to read:

6 **§1059. Fines; Drug Awareness and Education for Schools Fund**

8 Ten percent of all fines collected for violations of Title  
10 17-A, chapter 45 must be deposited into the Drug Awareness and  
Education for Schools Fund established in Title 20-A, section  
6607.

12 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §6607** is enacted to read:

14 **§6607. Drug Awareness and Education for Schools Fund**

16 The Drug Awareness and Education for Schools Fund, referred  
18 to in this section as the "fund," is established as an  
interest-bearing dedicated revenue account. All interest earned  
20 by this account is credited to the fund. Any balance remaining  
in the fund at the end of the fiscal year does not lapse but is  
22 carried forward into subsequent fiscal years. The commissioner  
may use the fund only to support school programs for drug  
awareness and education, including program costs and expenses.

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26 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill establishes the Drug Awareness and Education for  
30 Schools Fund. The fund is a nonlapsing interest-bearing  
account. Ten percent of all fines paid for violations of the  
32 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, chapter 45 must be deposited  
into the fund, which must be used to support school programs for  
drug awareness and education, including the DARE program.