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	L.D. 1305			
2	DATE: 4-29-99 (Filing No. H-317)			
4	MAJORITY			
6	EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS			
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10	Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.			
12	STATE OF MAINE			
14	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 119TH LEGISLATURE			
16	FIRST REGULAR SESSION			
18	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " H " to H.P. 928, L.D. 1305, Bill, "An			
20	Act to Establish and Fund Conflict Resolution Programs in the Public Schools"			
22	Amound the hill be studied out the title and substituting			
24	Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:			
26	'An Act to Establish and Fund Conflict Resolution Education and Civil Rights Team Programs in the Public Schools'			
28	Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the			
30	enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:			
32	1500 1 20 A MDSA 8262 to supplied to manda			
34	'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §262 is enacted to read:			
	§262. Violence prevention and intervention			
36	The commissioner shall provide technical assistance to			
38	The commissioner shall provide technical assistance to school administrative units that request assistance in the			
	provision of violence prevention and intervention training			
40	programs for teachers, school staff and students. The assistance must emphasize conflict resolution education, peer mediation and			
42	early identification of and response to signs of violence.			
44	Sec. 2. Department of Education grant program providing technical			
46	assistance to schools for conflict resolution training and peer mediation programs. The Department of Education shall establish a grant			
	program to initiate and continue support for conflict resolution			
48	education and peer mediation programs in schools. The Department			
E0.	of Education shall establish procedures for applying for grants,			
50	criteria for awarding grants and a process for evaluating and replicating successful programs.			

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2	Sec. 3. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriate from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.			
4		1999-00	2000-01	
6	ATTORNEY GENERAL,			
8	DEPARTMENT OF THE			
10	Civil Rights Team Project			
12	All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000	
14	Provides funds to increase in-school training of student			
16	role models and in-service training for school personnel			
18	in dealing with acts of harassment, intolerance and			
20	violence in schools.			
22	DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL			
24	TOTAL	\$50,000	\$50,000	
26	EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF			
28	Learning Systems			
30	All Other	\$100,000	\$100,000	
32	Provides funds for school conflict resolution education			
34	<pre>programs and a grant program to support conflict</pre>			
36	resolution and peer mediation programs in schools.			
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40	DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TOTAL	\$100,000	\$100,000	
42	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$150,000	\$150,000'	
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FISCAL NOTE

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1999-00 2000-01

APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

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General Fund

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This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$100,000 in each of fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01 for the Department of Education for conflict resolution and peer mediation programs. The department will incur some minor additional costs to establish and administer a grant program and provide technical assistance to school administrative units. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.

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This bill also includes General Fund appropriations of \$50,000 in each of fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01 for the Department of the Attorney General to provide in-school training of students in dealing with harassment and violence in schools.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment implements part of the recommendations of the Commission to Study Providing Educators with More Authority to Violent Students from Educational Settings. amendment is the majority report of the committee and changes the title of the bill. The amendment further directs and provides funding for the Department of Education to provide technical assistance to schools in developing violence prevention and intervention training for educators, staff and students that emphasize conflict resolution education, peer mediation and early identification and response to signs of violence. The amendment also establishes a grant program to be administered by the Department of Education to support the establishment of conflict resolution and peer mediation programs in schools. Finally, the amendment provides funding support for the Attorney General's Civil Rights Team Project.

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