

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1305

H.P. 928

House of Representatives, February 16, 1999

An Act to Establish and Fund Conflict Resolution Programs in the Public Schools.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative WATSON of Farmingdale.
Cosponsored by Senator LONGLEY of Waldo and
Representatives: DESMOND of Mapleton, GREEN of Monmouth, HONEY of Boothbay,
O'BRIEN of Augusta, TOWNSEND of Portland, TRIPP of Topsham, Senators: FERGUSON
of Oxford, PARADIS of Aroostook.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §262** is enacted to read:

6 **§262. Conflict resolution education**

8 The commissioner shall establish a grant program to
10 encourage the development, improvement or continuation of
12 conflict resolution education within public elementary and
14 secondary schools. A school administrative unit may apply to the
16 commissioner for funds to establish, improve or continue a
18 conflict resolution education program in one or more of the
schools within the school administrative unit. The program may
be directed at students and teachers, administrators and other
staff and may involve the development of peer mediation
programs. The school administrative unit must match any grant
funds awarded.

20 **Sec. 2. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated
from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1999-00	2000-01
24 EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
26 All Other	\$100,000	\$100,000
28 Provides for grants to school		
30 administrative units for		
32 conflict resolution education		
34 programs.		

36 **SUMMARY**

38 This bill creates a grant program within the Department of
40 Education to encourage conflict resolution education programs in
public elementary and secondary schools. The programs may
include peer mediation programs and may be directed at students
and teachers, administrators and other staff.