

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1999

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Legislative Document

No. 1397

H.P. 999

House of Representatives, February 18, 1999

### **An Act to Promote School Achievement.**

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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 BRENNAN of Portland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA c. 615** is enacted to read:

6 **CHAPTER 615**

8 **SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT GRANTS**

10 **§17221. School achievement funds**

12 The commissioner shall administer any funds available for school achievement grants.

14 **§17222. School achievement grants**

16 The department and state board shall adopt rules for the making of school achievement grants to school administrative units. The rules must:

20 1. Proposals. Establish a process for the department and state board to request proposals for school achievement grants and for school administrative units to respond to these proposals; and

24 2. Criteria. Present criteria for the identification of school administrative units eligible for school achievement grants.

28 The department and state board shall annually make school achievement grants to school administrative units that follow the process established under subsection 1 and meet the criteria established under subsection 2.

34 Rules adopted pursuant to this chapter are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

36 **Sec. 2. Rule-making progress report.** The Commissioner of Education shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by January 15, 2000 on the progress of rulemaking to implement school achievement grants under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 615.

42 **Sec. 3. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

46 **1999-00                      2000-01**

48 **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

2       **School Achievement Grants**

4               All Other   \$1,500,000       \$1,500,000

6               Provides funds for school  
8               achievement grants to school  
              administrative units. These  
              funds do not lapse.

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**SUMMARY**

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              This bill requires the Department of Education and State  
16            Board of Education to establish a grant-making process for school  
              achievement grants. The department and state board will  
18            establish criteria for the awarding of these grants to school  
              administrative units. The bill appropriates \$3,000,000 over the  
20            biennium for school achievement grants and provides that these  
              funds are nonlapsing.