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No. 1784

S.P. 619

In Senate, March 9, 1999

An Act to Establish School Assessment Tests for 2nd Graders.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MILLS of Somerset.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-MRSA §6202, first ¶**, as amended by PL 1985, c. 797,
4 §37, is further amended to read:

6 The commissioner shall establish a statewide assessment
8 program to measure and evaluate on a continuing basis the
10 academic achievements of students at grades 2, 4, 8 and 11 in the
12 public elementary and secondary schools and in all private
14 schools approved for tuition whose school enrollments include at
16 least 60% ~~publicly-funded~~ publicly funded students, as determined
18 by the previous school year's October and April average
20 enrollment. The assessment program shall must be adapted to meet
22 the needs of exceptional students as defined in section 7001,
24 subsection 2 or other students as defined under rules by the
26 commissioner. The program shall must include the following
28 components.

30 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §6202, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1983, c.
32 859, Pt. D, §§3 and 4, is amended to read:

2 **2. Additional subjects.** The For grades 4, 8 and 11, the
4 assessment program may be extended, consistent with available
6 resources, to include assessments in science and social studies
8 on a sampling basis in alternate years.

SUMMARY

2 This bill requires the Commissioner of Education to
4 establish a statewide academic assessment of 2nd grade students
6 in reading, writing and mathematics.