

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1270

House of Representatives, March 11, 1999

**Resolve, to Require the State to Fully Fund All Educational Program
Costs.**

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MENDROS of Lewiston.
Cosponsored by Senator AMERO of Cumberland and
Representatives: BAKER of Bangor, BRAGDON of Bangor, CAMPBELL of Holden,
DUDLEY of Portland, KASPRZAK of Newport, MAYO of Bath, SHIELDS of Auburn,
SHOREY of Calais.

2 **Sec. 1. Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following funds are
appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of
this resolve.

	1999-00	2000-01	
6 EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF			
8 General Purpose Aid for			
10 Local Schools			
12	All Other	\$29,493,680	\$30,348,997
14	Provides funds to fully fund actual local program costs.		
18 General Purpose Aid for			
Local Schools			
20	All Other	\$26,077,221	
22	Provides funds to reimburse local program costs for fiscal year 1998-99.		
26 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION			
28 TOTAL		<u>\$55,570,901</u>	<u>\$30,348,997</u>

30 **SUMMARY**

32 Current law requires that school administrative units
receive state subsidy for the following program costs: early
34 childhood education program costs, special education costs,
vocational education costs, transportation operating costs and
36 bus purchase costs. The funds for these subsidizable program
costs are limited to the amount appropriated by the Legislature
38 for the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program.
Appropriations for the past several years have addressed less
40 than 25% of the amount needed to fully fund this program. This
resolve ensures that the State subsidizes 100% of the actual
42 program costs incurred by school administrative units and
reimburses school administrative units for costs incurred during
44 the 1998-99 fiscal year.