

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 772

S.P. 207

In Senate, February 13, 2001

**An Act to Require Explicit Statutory Authority for Expenditure of  
Certain Public Money for Lobbying Purposes and Private Enterprise and  
for Private For-profit Gain.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LONGLEY of Waldo.  
Cosponsored by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot.

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

2           **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §11417, sub-§1, ¶J,** as enacted by PL 1987, c.  
4 807, §3, is amended to read:

6           J. Employ persons, including private legal counsel and  
8 financial experts, on either a temporary or permanent basis,  
10 in order to carry out any of its powers and duties. The  
12 authority may not employ a person for the purposes of  
14 lobbying as defined by Title 3, section 312-A, subsection 9,  
16 without the prior consent of the Legislature. Employees of  
18 the authority shall are not be subject to Title 5, chapters  
20 71 and 372, subchapter II;

22           **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §11417, sub-§8** is enacted to read:

24           **8. Private enterprise.** Except for the provisions of  
26 subsection 1, paragraph J, the authority shall obtain legislative  
approval before making financial or other assistance available to  
a private enterprise.

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Maine Educational Loan Authority to obtain legislative approval before hiring lobbyists or making financial or other assistance available to a private enterprise.