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No. 999

S.P. 288

In Senate, February 20, 2001

**An Act to Provide First Responder Teams For Schools to Assist with
Violent and Chronically Disruptive Students.**

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 CATHCART of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative QUINT of Portland and
Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis, Representatives: DESMOND of Mapleton, LEDWIN of
Holden, NORTON of Bangor, RICHARD of Madison, SULLIVAN of Biddeford, TOBIN of
Dexter, WESTON of Montville.

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

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Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §6554 is enacted to read:

§6554. First responder teams

1. First responder team defined. As used in this section, "first responder team" means a group of 2 to 3 school personnel who are specially trained in techniques to respond to violent or chronically disruptive students.

2. Adoption of policy. Each school board shall adopt a policy to select and train at least 2 personnel at each school within a school administrative unit as members of a first responder team.

3. Duties. A first responder team shall respond to situations on school grounds that involve a violent or chronically disruptive student.

4. Funding. The State shall provide grants to schools to train up to 3 members of the first responder team. Grants shall be administered through the department. The department shall adopt rules necessary to implement this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules, as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

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SUMMARY

This bill directs each school board to adopt a policy to implement a first responder team at each school within a school administrative unit and provides state funding to train members of the first responder teams.