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S.P. 325

In Senate, February 22, 2001

**An Act to Expand the Use of Tobacco Settlement Funds to Support
Existing School-based Health Centers.**

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial 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 NUTTING of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative FULLER of Manchester and
Senators: LONGLEY of Waldo, TREAT of Kennebec, Representatives: BERRY of
Livermore, BROOKS of Winterport, GREEN of Monmouth, JACOBS of Turner, McKEE of
Wayne.

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

4 **Sec. 1. PL 1999, c. 731, Pt. HH, §2** is amended to read:

6 **Sec. HH-2. Grants provided.** Grants provided pursuant to this
8 Part must be equitably distributed across the major geographical
10 areas of the State. Effective interventions must be implemented
12 using research and best practices from the federal Centers for
14 Disease Control and Prevention and other recognized authorities.
16 All grantees must coordinate with the local health care delivery
18 system, education system and other appropriate community members
20 and community organizations. Funds may also be used to reduce
22 physical inactivity, poor nutrition and other risk factors in
24 order to reduce tobacco-related diseases. School programs funded
by grants provided pursuant to this Part must be used to reduce
tobacco use through coordinated school health programs. These
school health programs should focus on comprehensive school
health education that includes tobacco prevention education.
Support may be provided for school health services, including
those services provided by school-based health centers, that
include tobacco cessation and prevention services. Grants
provided pursuant to this Part must have eligibility requirements
that allow eligibility for grants to both new and existing
school-based health centers.

26 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill requires that both new and existing school-based
30 health centers be eligible for grants provided with funds from
the Fund for a Healthy Maine.
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