

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2005

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No. 544

S.P. 170

In Senate, February 3, 2005

### **An Act To Ensure Statewide Access for Schools and Libraries to On-line Reference Materials and Periodicals**

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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 President EDMONDS of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Senators: BARTLETT of Cumberland, BROMLEY of Cumberland,  
SULLIVAN of York, Representatives: BLANCHETTE of Bangor, DUNN of Bangor,  
O'BRIEN of Lewiston, SMITH of Monmouth.

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

4 **Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following  
4 appropriations and allocations are made.

6 **MAINE STATE LIBRARY**

8 **Statewide Library Information System**

10 Initiative: Provides funds to negotiate and purchase licenses  
12 for the publication of copyrighted materials and periodicals to  
14 create a statewide database for use by state, school, public and  
16 academic libraries in the State. The licensing agreement must  
18 include, subject to the availability of funds, a full-text  
reference collection, full-text newspapers, full-text consumer  
health information and full-text periodical databases for general  
research and business research.

| 18 <b>GENERAL FUND</b> | <b>2005-06</b>   | <b>2006-07</b>   |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 20 All Other           | \$450,000        | \$450,000        |
| 22 GENERAL FUND TOTAL  | <u>\$450,000</u> | <u>\$450,000</u> |

24 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill provides an appropriation to the Maine State  
28 Library to fund on-line reference materials to provide access to  
30 information from schools and libraries through statewide  
licensing of reference materials.