

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 158

In Senate, February 15, 2011

### An Act To Encourage Transparency in the Department of Education

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

*Joseph G. Carleton Jr.*

JOSEPH G. CARLETON, JR.  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator ALFOND of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative FLEMINGS of Bar Harbor and  
Senators: JACKSON of Aroostook, PLOWMAN of Penobscot, Representatives: CHAPMAN  
of Brooksville, EDGECOMB of Caribou, HUNT of Buxton, KUMIEGA of Deer Isle,  
LOVEJOY of Portland, McFADDEN of Dennysville.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §205** is enacted to read:

3 **§205. Disclosure of finances**

4 The department shall disclose annually its full budget and the true cost of all its  
5 programs and services and publish this disclosure on the department's publicly accessible  
6 website.

7 **SUMMARY**

8 This bill requires the Department of Education to fully disclose its full budget and the  
9 true cost of all its programs and services.