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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

## One Hundred and Fourth Legislature

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**Sec. 2.** P. L., 1963, c. 433, § 5, repealed. Section 5 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1963 is repealed, as follows:

**Sec. 5. Payment.** Upon payment of the claim by the Department of Veterans Services, as provided for in the Revised Statutes, chapter 26, sections 20 and 21, the Department of Health and Welfare will reimburse the Department of Veterans Services for the expenditures so made from any available funds that may properly be used for this purpose. The reimbursement so made shall be credited to the operating funds available to the Department of Veterans Services.

Effective October 1, 1969

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## Chapter 234

### AN ACT Permitting Bilingual Education.

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

**Sec. 1.** R. S., T. 20, § 102, sub-§ 7, amended. The 3rd sentence of subsection 7 of section 102 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

The basic language of instruction in all schools, public and private, shall be the English language, except as provided in this section.

**Sec. 2.** R. S., T. 20, § 102, sub-§ 16, additional. Section 102 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding a new subsection 16, to read as follows:

16. Bilingual education. The commissioner is empowered to cooperate with the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare in carrying out the Bilingual Educational Programs Act; and such other federal programs as may concern the improvement of educational programs designed to meet the educational needs of children in areas having high concentration of children from non-English-speaking families.

Subject to the approval, annually, of the commissioner, the school committee or the school directors of any administrative district having a high concentration of such children may provide early childhood programs involving bilingual education techniques designed to provide children during their pre-school, kindergarten and first and 2nd grades with educational experiences which will enhance their learning and earning potential.

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