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CHAPTER 26

AN ACT to Amend the Duties of the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services Relating to Bilingual Education.

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

20 MRSA § 102, sub-§ 16, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 225, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

16. Bilingual education. The commissioner is empowered to cooperate with the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare in carrying out the Bilingual Education Program Act and any other federal programs as may concern the improvement of educational programs designed to meet the educational needs of children in areas with nonEnglish-speaking families.

Subject to the annual approval of the commissioner, the school committee or the school directors of any administrative unit having children from non-English-speaking families may provide programs involving bilingual education techniques designed to provide children at the elementary grades with educational experiences to enhance their learning. If an emergency situation should be created at the secondary level, the commissioner may give temporary approval for such programs.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 27

AN ACT to Advance the Schedule for Legislative Approval of County Budgets and to Change the Interest Charges on Delinquent County Taxes.

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

Sec. 1. 30 MRSA § 252, 1st ¶, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 716, § 1, is further amended to read:

In order to assess a county tax, county commissioners, prior to ~~December~~ ~~not~~ ~~November~~ ~~7th~~ in each year, shall prepare estimates of the sums necessary to defray the expenses which have accrued or may probably accrue for the coming year, including the building and repairing of jails, courthouses and appurtenances, with the debts owed by their counties and after newspaper notice, written notices of which shall be transmitted by registered or certified mail with return receipt requested to the clerk of each municipality in said county and to each member of the Legislature of said county, hold a public hearing thereon in the county, prior to ~~December 20th~~ ~~December~~ ~~1st~~.