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Sec. 3. Allotment. Funds to carry out the purpose of this Act shall be allotted from the funds appropriated, in public law 1977, chapter 380, to the State Tuition Equalization Fund for the fiscal year 1978-79.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 539

AN ACT Relating to Employee Workmen's Compensation Law.

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

Sec. 1. 39 MRSA § 2, sub-§ 5, ¶ B is enacted to read:

B. The term "employee" shall be deemed to include, if he elects to be personally covered by this Title, any person who regularly operates a business or practices a trade, profession or occupation, whether individually, or in partnership or association with other persons, whether or not he hires employees. The Superintendent of Insurance is authorized to review for his approval, at his discretion, an appropriate classification for this class of persons and a reasonable rate.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Industrial Accident Commission the sum of \$20,000 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1977-78	1978-79
INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT COMMISSION		
Personal Services	(1) \$ 8,500	(1) \$ 8,500
Capital Expenditures	1,500	1,500
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TOTAL	\$10,000	\$10,000

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 540

AN ACT Concerning the per Pupil Cost of a School Administrative Unit Losing More than 33% of its Enrollment between June and September.

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

Sec. 1. 20 MRSA § 3748, sub-§ 3, ¶ G is enacted to read:

G. Any administrative unit which experiences a decrease in enrollment in either elementary or secondary education programs of 33% or greater between April 1st of the base year and October 1st of the year prior to the year of the allocation of funds shall at a minimum be eligible to have its subsidy based on the basic elementary or secondary per pupil operating rate.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated to the Department of Educational and Cultural Services from the General Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1978, the sum of \$76,671.31 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF	1976-77
All Other	\$76,671.31

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 541

AN ACT to Simplify, Improve and Reduce the Cost of State Agencies
Auditing Human Service Contracts and Grants.

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

5 MRSA c. 148 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 148

HUMAN SERVICE COMMUNITY AGENCY ACCOUNTING PRACTICES ACT

§ 1631. Short title

This chapter shall be cited as the "Human Services Community Agency Accounting Practices Act."

§ 1632. Declaration

A community agency, which conducts human services funded by several state departments or accounts, is required to fulfill various accounting practices set forth by several state departments, often in an uncoordinated, overlapping and inefficient manner.

Such a community agency is subjected, within one fiscal year, to numerous routine audits by the same or different state departments.