

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE
AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
AT THE

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CHAPTER 710

AN ACT to Restore Matching Funds to the Maine Criminal Justice Planning and Assistance Agency.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Maine Criminal Justice Planning and Assistance Agency has federal moneys available for matching with state moneys for state and local projects in the field of criminal justice; and

Whereas, the agency cannot at present award supporting funds for any new criminal justice project on a state or local level because of lack of state funds to match with available federal funds; and

Whereas, it is vital to the safety and welfare of the State that the State and localities be able to undertake new projects as soon as possible in order to stem the rise in crime in this State and to enable the criminal justice system of Maine to more effectively and more quickly provide criminal justice for the citizens of Maine; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. Governor's recommendations. The Governor shall annually, prior to January 15th, submit to the Legislature for approval his recommendations of Maine Criminal Justice Planning and Assistance Agency's proposals for funding personnel and program costs in state government agencies for each fiscal year. These recommendations shall be submitted through the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and no expenditures under such proposals shall be made until approved by the Legislature. Recommendations shall include such information as expected, length of funding of such programs and restrictions or limitations placed on the grant.

The effective day of this section shall be January 1, 1979.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. Funds shall be appropriated from the General Fund as follows to carry out the purposes of this Act:

	1977-78	1978-79
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT		
Maine Criminal Justice		
Planning and Assistance Agency		
All Other	\$159,000	\$132,000

Sec. 3. PL 1977, c. 380, Part A, under the caption "EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT" is amended by inserting after the line "All Other" under Executive — Law Enforcement Planning/ & Assistance Agency, the following paragraph:

These funds shall not lapse June 30, 1978, but shall carry forward to June 30, 1979.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective April 6, 1978

CHAPTER 711

AN ACT Creating an Interim Education Finance Commission.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, recent legislative interim commissions which have studied the financing of education have focused on the uniform property tax as a major source of revenue and an allocation formula based primarily on per pupil costs as the principal instrument for distributing funds; and

Whereas, the uniform property tax has been repealed and, partly as a result of its repeal, serious questions have been raised about continuing the same method of allocating funds; and

Whereas, a sound method of financing education is necessary for Maine children; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as vitally necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. Commission established. There is created the Education Finance Commission, hereinafter known as the "commission."

Sec. 2. Membership. The commission shall be composed of 15 members, as follows: One member from the Maine Municipal Association, one member from