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Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services shall serve as an ex officio member of the panel.

B. The commissioner shall prepare appropriate assessment materials designed to measure the performance levels of elementary and secondary school students in the basic skills area in accordance with the citizen opinion to be gathered in paragraph A.

C. The commissioner shall conduct an assessment of basic skills in the 11th grade of all Maine high schools prior to January 1, 1978. This assessment is to be coordinated with the statewide assessment activities of the Maine Assessment of Educational Progress in surveying students in the 4th, 8th and 11th grades.

Sec. 2. Report. The commissioner shall prepare a report to be submitted not later than February 1, 1978, to the Governor and the membership of the 108th Legislature, which report shall summarize the findings of the opinion gathering and assessment activities prescribed in section 1, and shall further include such recommendations for policy action at the state level as are deemed to be appropriate.

Sec. 3. Funding. Funds to cover this Act shall come from any balances in account 1201.4, Federal Program Administration on June 30, 1977, not to exceed \$48,000. This balance shall not lapse but shall be carried forward until June 30, 1978.

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

Effective July 22, 1977

CHAPTER 79

AN ACT Providing Funds to Acquire Land for a Passenger Terminal, a Transfer Bridge and a Parking Area for the Casco Bay Ferry Service in Portland.

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

Whereas, the vehicular transfer bridge and terminal facilities on the Portland end of the Portland-Peaks Island vehicle ferry service is inadequate and urgently in need of replacement; and

Whereas, in addition to an adequate vehicular transfer bridge, new passenger terminal facilities must be constructed to furnish this vital service not only to Peaks Island but to all the islands of the Casco Bay service area; and

Whereas, such terminal facilities should include offices, passenger waiting rooms and rest rooms and provision for the parking of cars; and

Whereas, continued repairs and maintenance are necessary for the passenger wharf on Cliff Island and similar facilities at Peaks Island; and

Whereas, temporary emergency repairs are necessary for passenger and vehicular safety until appropriate new facilities are provided; and

Whereas, the State of Maine, through the Bureau of Waterways of the Department of Transportation, presently provides ferry service and maintains the necessary landing facilities for numerous other islands within the State; 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:

Casco Bay Island ferry services; appropriation. There are provided from the General Fund to the Bureau of Waterways funds to be used to acquire land for a passenger terminal, a transfer bridge and a parking area for the Casco Bay ferry service in Portland. Funds for carrying out the purpose of this Act shall be allocated from the appropriation in PL 1977, chapter 380 to the Department of Finance and Administration, Capital Construction / Repairs / Improvements Account (Airport Improvements).

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

Effective July 22, 1977

CHAPTER 80

AN ACT to Appropriate Funds for Repair, Operation and Maintenance of Androscoggin Lake Dam.

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

Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture, Soil and Water Conservation Commission, the sum of \$5,000, for the purpose of repairing the Androscoggin Lake Dam, a state-owned dam in Leeds, Androscoggin County, Maine. The breakdown shall be as follows: