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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

J.S. McCarthy Company
Augusta, Maine
2000

2000-01

All Other

\$50,000

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

**Courts - Supreme, Superior,
District and Administrative**

All Other

\$20,000

Provides one-time funds for
judicial training.

See title page for effective date.

Provides one-time funds for
school conflict resolution
education programs and a grant
program to support conflict
resolution and peer mediation
programs in schools.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 781

H.P. 928 - L.D. 1305

**An Act to Establish and Fund
Conflict Resolution Programs in the
Public Schools**

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §262 is enacted to read:

§262. Violence prevention and intervention

The commissioner shall provide technical assistance to school administrative units that request assistance in the provision of violence prevention and intervention training programs for teachers, school staff and students. The assistance must emphasize conflict resolution education, peer mediation and early identification and response to signs of violence.

Sec. 2. Department of Education grant program providing technical assistance to schools for conflict resolution training and peer mediation programs. The Department of Education shall establish a grant program to initiate and continue support for conflict resolution education and peer mediation programs in schools. The Department of Education shall establish procedures for applying for grants, criteria for awarding grants and a process for evaluating and replicating successful programs.

Sec. 3. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

2000-01

**EDUCATION,
DEPARTMENT OF**

Learning Systems

CHAPTER 782

H.P. 1768 - L.D. 2481

**An Act to Establish the Dam Repair
and Reconstruction Fund and
Reconstruct 2 Small Dams in
Whiting**

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §844 is enacted to read:

§844. Dam Repair and Reconstruction Fund

1. Fund established. The Dam Repair and Reconstruction Fund, referred to in this section as the "fund," is established. The department shall administer the fund and may make grants from the fund solely for the repair or reconstruction of a dam pursuant to this section.

2. Grant criteria. A dam is eligible for a grant from the fund if it:

A. Controls the flow of water;

B. Is breached and causes a lowering of the water level; and

C. Meets any other criterion the department may by rule require.

3. Rulemaking. The department shall adopt rules to implement this section, including criteria and procedures for the application for and award of grants from the fund. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

2000-01

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF

Dam Repair and Reconstruction Fund

All Other \$400,000

Appropriates funds on a one-time basis to provide initial funding for the Dam Repair and Reconstruction Fund as established by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 844. These funds must be transferred by the State Controller within 30 days of the effective date of this Act to the Dam Repair and Reconstruction Fund.

Sec. 3. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue funds to carry out the purposes of this Act.

2000-01

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF

Dam Repair and Reconstruction Fund

All Other \$148,800

Allocates funds on a one-time basis for reconstruction of 2 dams that control the water level at Rocky Lake in Whiting.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 783

S.P. 963 - L.D. 2505

An Act to Support Child Care Education and Services

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §11670, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 401, Pt. OOO, §5, is amended to read:

§11670. Quality Child Care Education Scholarship fund

The Quality Child Care Education Scholarship Fund is created and established as a nonlapsing fund under the jurisdiction and control of the Finance Authority of Maine. All revenues credited to this fund must be distributed as scholarships based on financial need for residents of the State who are enrolled in one or more courses related to early childhood education or child development at accredited institutions of higher education or at course-offering institutions that have articulated agreements with accredited institutions of higher education. The Finance Authority of Maine shall award scholarships and adopt rules for determining eligibility, amounts, terms and conditions of scholarships. Interest earned on amounts in the fund may be used for the costs of administering the scholarships. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §12501, sub-§§1-D and 1-E are enacted to read:

1-D. Child care. "Child care" means a regular service of care and protection provided for compensation for any part of a day less than 24 hours to a child or children under 16 years of age whose parents work outside the home, attend an educational program or are otherwise unable to care for their children.

1-E. Child development student. "Child development student" means a college student or graduating high school senior who is pursuing child development associate certification or an associate's degree in child development.

Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §12502, as amended by PL 1999, c. 401, Pt. OOO, §6 and c. 441, §6, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§12502. Educators for Maine Program

There is established the Educators for Maine Program to provide financial assistance to college students, graduating high school seniors and students pursuing postbaccalaureate certification, child development associate certification or an associate's degree in child development who demonstrate an interest in pursuing a career in teaching in this State for postsecondary education and to teachers and speech pathologists for advanced-degree or continued study. The program recognizes outstanding graduating high school seniors, college students and students pursuing postbaccalaureate certification or child development associate certification or an associate's degree in child development. The chief executive