

Maine DOE: Education and Cultural Affairs Committee Honorable Members-Good Morning

(L.D. 247) Bill "An Act To Improve Maine's Education System" (SP0108) (Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY, M. of Cumberland)

I am here in Support of LD 247

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I bring the Solution that you are looking for and stand ready to begin this simple first step for Change" needed by the Maine Education system—it takes 15 minutes a day for 12 weeks. (It can be "likened to" a bathroom break that will address the needs of our kids,directly).

This beginning work for Education System Change has been done---but....someone with Maine DOE "authority to promote this work" in the Education Dept has to Change that lock on the door and LOOK AT IT-- to let it in! ESSA;2015 Fed. Law says "Non- profit 501c3 Innovative Supportive programs can come in & should be welcomed.

And I would like to thank you Sen. Dougherty for opening this door ---to Change what has been broken for all & for the decades of Education.

....I am here to address our needs for simple CHANGE & with this LD 247 improve - the Maine Education System. We need a NEW first step -- in fact it a simple 15 -minute process- that will have a powerful & restorative impact on the entire Maine DOE system. But....the MAINE DOE has to look at it and embrace that this simple Change is needed and notably even desired.

You "got to want to" fix what is broken--- and it is simple!

With this NEW First Step --that will open the door for all ---that can have both "Powerful & Positive" impact on both our Teaching and Learning system & that will widely improve our Maine Educational system as a whole: First ,with a new simple tool-- we identify the direct needs of the Students, then; we Recover their Reading Skills--- we heal it right there. This new Knowledge alone begins the healing. It removes Self-blame, it removes the "Anxiety in many of our Students" and allows for the freedom to now Teach with new Efficacy. This alone, for all Teachers moves to become a daily reality for teaching freedom in their classrooms. Behaviors and frustrations change and over short times are minimized. At Risk Kids are no long at risk but fervently learning more and more because--- now they can and they are very smart. Once students & classrooms have Equality in Learning ---they are also PEER EQUAL. Thus, the process to all Equality has been initiated.

***Maine DOE has new and different growth opportunities to actually Educate from here forward. The offers to assist with this simple" Change" is already approved--- it just need ACTION. It does involve a Federal Law ESSA;2015 that has already approved this work & that action for—Every Student to Succeed Act is not just words spoken but now --mean an ACTION is TAKEN.

I just also responded the Maine DOE Call for Public Comment -- on the ESSA;2015 for the waiver of our Standardized Tests ASSESSMENT. IF this simple work I speak of here was done, already or even-- simply begun in 4th and 8th grades now--- we would not need to run

from Standardized tests; we would welcome them –because they would show progress instead of stagnant statistics.

There is a unique and simply way to get this Maine DOE System Improvement work begun & done.

I have begun it already with the Simple Teachers Tool I presented to all of this ED & Cult. Affairs Group for both LD138 “to improve Reading Proficiency” but try as I may for LD44 –to actualize it in a Summer School program. I cannot get the time of day or any consideration for a Summer School Program—(I will now without your Action to aid this moving forward --- have to renege on my Promise made to this Committee- for its data at Summers end.

And with this work comes the good support also for LD 896 for Mental Wellness in our Youth (and that data is here also to demonstrate the recovery & identify the area of our Students (pre-disposed) 8th grade and others At Risk Students.

I have already provided an example of this data to you in both LD 138 Testimony and for LD896. I remind you that although this work has been initiated --It is dead in the water because no one in the whole Maine DOE will look at the data to consider the work and/or provides any energy toward driving it forward. So that although the initial Step is done— it has not had opportunity to be inserted into the System. --So we wait. It is time for you action now so, all our students can grow together, and positively & newly empowered to Learn.

...To address this bill LD 247 and our need to Improve Maines Education System may in fact require just a simple effort from you—a simple contact is needed. The plethora of benefit are for every student; and when its effect is noticed and promoted; it will also support every Teacher. With our collaborative inclusion for this Essa: 2015 supportive simple project to address all of the above is one step away— & the first step to

A new opportunity for all in Education and Teaching to SAVE OUR YOUTH.

It is a great beginner- for CHANGE that works for Education. Thank You