

STATE OF MAINE

 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN

 H.P. 139 - L.D. 176
An Act To Enhance Participation on the State Board of Education**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §401, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2007, c. 179, §2, is further amended to read:

2. Composition. The membership of the state board must be broadly representative of the geographic regions of the State and of municipalities of varying sizes. ~~A person whose income is derived in substantial portion from work as a teacher or as an administrator in an educational institution is not eligible for appointment to or service on the state board.~~ Members must have a strong interest in and knowledge of education.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §401, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Release time for state board meeting attendance. A teacher or administrator serving on the state board must be granted release time for attendance at state board meetings. The state board is responsible for the cost of any substitute teacher for a teacher granted release time under this subsection.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**State Board of Education 0614**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for the cost of substitute teachers needed when a teacher is granted release time to serve on the State Board of Education.

GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
All Other	\$4,950	\$4,950
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$4,950	\$4,950