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H. P. 1249.

House of Representatives, February 6, 1941.

Referred to Committee on Education and 500 copies ordered printed.  
Sent up for concurrence.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Keller of Hallowell.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-ONE

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AN ACT Relating to State Schools for Girls.

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

**P. L., 1933, c. 1, § 386, amended.** Section 386 of chapter 1 of the public laws of 1933, as amended by chapter 86 of the public laws of 1935, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 386. Duties of department; may bind to service any girl committed to its charge or parole to bureau of social welfare.** The department shall have all the powers as to the person, property, earnings, and education of every girl committed to the charge of said department during the term of her commitment, which a guardian has as to his ward, and all powers which parents have over their children. **At the discretion of said department, any such girl deemed by it to be eligible shall be granted entrance into the Hallowell high school under the same conditions as pupils residing in towns which do not maintain a standard secondary school, as provided in section 93 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes, except that tuition for such girl shall be paid by the said department from the appropriation to the state school for girls and shall be based on the average instructional cost per pupil for the year preceding that for which the tuition is paid.** At

the discretion of said department, any such girl, during her commitment, may be kept at said school, or entrusted to the care of any suitable person and may be required to work for such person, for a period not exceeding the term of her commitment, on such conditions as said department may deem reasonable and proper; or she may be entrusted to the custody of the bureau of social welfare, in which case, the expense of her maintenance and education shall be borne in accordance with the provisions of section 206 of this chapter. The department shall require the person to whom such girl is entrusted, to report to said department as often as once in 3 months the conduct and behavior of such girl, and whether she remains under such person, and if not, where she is. Said department shall take care that the terms of such trust are fulfilled, and the girl well treated, and if it believes that by reason of her misconduct, vicious inclinations or surroundings, she is in danger of falling into habits of vice or immorality, or that her welfare is in any way imperiled, it may cancel such trust and resume charge of such **girl with the same powers** as before the trust was made. The powers of said department with respect to any girl entrusted, as herein provided, to the care of a suitable person are not affected thereby. Said department may authorize any officer thereof, or the superintendent of said school to entrust said girls to the care and service of a suitable person or persons without indenture, to see to their welfare during such service and to require their return to said school at discretion. The department shall have regard to the character of those to whom any girl is entrusted.'