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**CHAPTER 634****AN ACT Relating to Tuition Computation Charged by Private Schools under the Education of Exceptional Children Law.**

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

20 MRSA § 3130, sub-§ 2, ¶ B, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 358, § 4, is amended by adding at the end the following new sentences:

Until June 30, 1980, however, the commissioner is authorized to approve tuition rates equivalent to those charged by private schools, agencies or institutions which serve exceptional children exclusively for the placement of exceptional children in any existing general purpose private school, agency or institution. These rates shall be approved only when the general purpose private school, agency or institution meets the criteria of section 3125, subsection 1 and when the commissioner determines that the special education needs of the child cannot be appropriately met by the special education resources of the school administrative units responsible for the education of these children.

Effective July 6, 1978

**CHAPTER 635****AN ACT to Clarify Admission Procedures at Pineland Center.**

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

Sec. 1. 34 MRSA § 2652, sub-§ 1, ¶ L, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 502, § 4, is amended to read:

L. "Voluntary admission" means the reception into a facility of a mentally retarded client who ~~understand~~ understands the nature, purpose and proposed duration of the admission and his right to leave the facility and thus to terminate the admission at any time, and who consents to such admission; or a mentally retarded client whose eligibility for admission to the facility has been certified by the District Court under section ~~2657~~ 2659-A subsections ~~4 and 5~~.

Sec. 2. 34 MRSA § 2652, sub-§ 4, first sentence, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 502, § 4, is amended to read: