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STATE OF MAINE
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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 1075, L. D. 1455, Bill, "An Act to Create a Department of Rehabilitation."

Amend said Bill by striking out in section 1 that part designated "§3601." and inserting in place thereof the following:

'§3601. Department

There is hereby created within the executive branch of the State Government a department whose primary function shall be the rehabilitation of persons handicapped by physical and mental disability, other than the blind, to be known as the Department of Rehabilitation, hereinafter in this chapter called the "department." The department shall be the sole state agency to administer the plan for vocational rehabilitation in cooperation with the Federal Government.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out in section 1 that part designated "§3652." and inserting in place thereof the following:

'§3652. Purpose

The purpose of this subchapter is to provide for and improve the rehabilitation of handicapped individuals, other than the blind, so that they may prepare for and engage in remunerative employment to the extent of their capabilities, thereby increasing not only their social and economic well-being but the productive capacity of the State and nation.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of the first underlined sentence of that part designated "§3654." of section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Vocational rehabilitation services shall be provided directly or through public or private instrumentalities to any handicapped individual, other than the blind, who is residing in the State at the time of filing his application therefor, and whose vocational rehabilitation the commissioner determines, after full investigation, can be satisfactorily achieved or who is eligible therefor under the terms of an agreement with another state or with the Federal Government.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out in section 1 that part designated "Subchapter III and IV" which include sections 3681, 3682 and 3691.

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of sections 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of section 7 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 7. Transfer of records and employees. On the effective date of this Act, the Department of Rehabilitation shall succeed to all the records, documents and equipment in the hands of any state agency concerned with vocational rehabilitation, other than the blind, which records, documents and equipment have been used or acquired in the performance of the rights, powers and duties of said state agency concerning vocational rehabilitation.'

On the effective date of this Act, federal, state and other funds available for use by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation of the Department of Education and for administrative expenses in connection therewith shall be transferred and made available for expenditure by the Department of Rehabilitation established by this Act.

On the effective date of this Act, the employees of the Vocational Rehabilitation Division of the Department of Education who are employed by that department in accordance with the Personnel Law shall be transferred to the Department of Rehabilitation.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of sections 8 and 9.

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of section 10 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 10. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Rehabilitation to carry out the purposes of this Act the sum of \$8,278 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1966 and the sum of \$10,867 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1967. The breakdown shall be as follows:

<u>Department</u>		<u>1965-66</u>		<u>1966-67</u>
REHABILITATION, DEPARTMENT OF				
Personal Services	(2)	\$5,293	(2)	\$6,746
All Other		2,000		4,000
Capital Expenditures		<u>985</u>		<u>121</u>
Total		\$8,278		\$10,867'

Further amend said Bill by renumbering sections of the Bill to read consecutively.

Proposed by Senator Stern of Penobscot
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