

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 463

H. P. 348 House of Representatives, January 30, 1973
Referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent up
for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Whitzell of Gardiner.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to the Authorization of Nongeographic
School Administrative Units at Correctional Institutions.

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

R. S., T. 34, § 529, additional. Title 34 of the Revised Statutes is amended
by adding a new section 529 to read as follows:

§ 529. Institutional school administrative units authorized

The Bureau of Corrections may establish and operate schools in the various institutions under its general administrative supervision. The Bureau of Corrections shall constitute a school administrative unit and schools established and operated under this section shall constitute public schools, for the purposes of Title 20, wherever applicable.

1. Eligibility of students. All persons under sentence to such institutions who are not high school graduates are eligible to attend such schools.

2. Grants. The Bureau of Corrections may accept grants from both public and private organizations and expend such funds for the purpose of operating such schools.

3. Cost to be borne by State. The total cost of operating schools authorized by this section shall be borne by the State and shall be paid, to the extent authorized, under Title 20, chapter 512, from General Purpose Aid, in accordance with the formula applicable to school administrative units, insofar as possible, as shall be determined by the State Board of Education. No part of the operating cost of such schools shall be charged to any of the school districts of this State.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Legislation of this nature would allow the Bureau of Corrections to be eligible to receive federal assistance to assist in educational programs for both adults and juvenile institutions.