

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1528

H. P. 1197

House of Representatives, March 20, 1973

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

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Clark of Freeport.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

**AN ACT to Continue Vocational Rehabilitation of Handicapped Youth
in Schools.**

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

Department of Health and Welfare; appropriation. There is appropriated to the Department of Health and Welfare from the General Fund the sum of \$286,235 to provide in schools rehabilitation and vocational services to handicapped youth. To assure program coordination and effectiveness, personnel funded by this Act shall work in cooperation with school units. Funds appropriated under this Act shall match federal funds when they are available. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1973-74	1974-75
HEALTH AND WELFARE, DEPARTMENT OF		
Vocational Rehabilitation		
Personal Services	(4) \$ 25,200	(6) \$ 29,000
All Other	65,000	160,000
Capital Expenditures	4,690	2,345
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	\$ 94,890	\$191,345

STATEMENT OF FACT

It is estimated this Act would offer help to the 4,000 youth in our secondary schools who are handicapped to the extent that it is unlikely they would be successfully employed without rehabilitation. The purpose of this

bill is to offer service via a joint effort funded by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation with staff to be located in 3 major school systems. Staff would supplement the efforts of guidance counselors by assisting handicapped students to receive rehabilitation services and to develop vocational plans that will increase their abilities to be employed.