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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1581

H. P. 1256

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

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Rolde of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT to Provide Schooling for Juvenile Offenders in Place of Incarceration.

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

Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$120,000 to the **Department of Mental Health and Corrections**, Bureau of Corrections, Division of Probation and Parole for the purpose of paying the costs of education, including residential schools, for juveniles so designated by the courts, as a diversionary tool for juveniles in need of supervision who would not necessarily need to be incarcerated in a state training center. The breakdown shall be as follows:

1973-74 1974-75

MENTAL HEALTH AND CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Corrections Division of Probation and Parole All Other

\$60,000 \$6

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STATEMENT OF FACT

It is the purpose of this bill to enable the Bureau of Corrections, Division of Probation and Parole, to pay for educational costs of juveniles who might otherwise be incarcerated in state training centers, as a means of keeping these juveniles from being kept in state centers, which cost an average of \$8,000 - \$10,000 per year per juvenile offender, while the cost of residential schools per pupil averages \$3,000 - \$4,000.