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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 615

H. P. 497

House of Representatives, February 11, 1975

Referred to Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Mitchell of Vassalboro.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to the Use of Correctional Institutional Appropriations for
Academic and Vocational Training.

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

34 MRSA § 527, first ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1969, c. 171, is amended by adding a new sentence at the end to read:

In administering this section, the Bureau of Corrections is authorized to assume, in whole or in part, the direct costs of an inmate's or prisoner's participation in such academic or vocational training programs.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This legislation more clearly authorizes the Bureau of Corrections to use existing institutional appropriations to meet directly the cost of an inmate's participation in work or educational release training programs where the inmate's personal financial resources are inadequate and where assistance from programs such as those administered by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation of the Department of Health and Welfare is inadequate or unavailable.

This legislation effects recommendation #49 of the report of the Governor's Task Force on Corrections.