

STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 107TH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT" A "to H.P. 640, L.D. 795, Bill, "AN ACT to Establish a Cooperative Education Support Program."

Amend said Bill by striking out in the beginning of the first line after the enacting clause the following: "Sec. 1."

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of the first paragraph of that part designated "<u>§1901.</u>" and inserting in place thereof the following:

'There is established a State Government cooperative education support program for the purpose of providing work opportunities in state institutions and agencies to Maine residents enrolled as full-time students in approved postsecondary universities, colleges or institutes in Maine.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out everything after that part designated "<u>§1902.</u>" and before the statement of fact, and inserting in place thereof the following:

'§1903. Procedure

The employment of students enrolled in cooperative education programs in approved colleges, universities or institutes in the State of Maine is hereby authorized. Appropriate department, agency or institution heads may employ such students through the use of funds resulting from unfilled positions in their personal services budgets.

Only cooperative education programs that require full-time employment for a period of not less than 10 weeks shall be included. COMMITTEE AMENDMENT"A "to HP 640, LD 795, -2-

Each student must be approved by the institution he attends and the agency, department or institution head.

Appropriate department, agency or institution heads may request the employment of cooperative education students on a form provided by the Department of Personnel. Approval by the State Personnel Director and the State Budget Officer will constitute approval for a student to be employed. Cooperative education students will be classified as project employees and will be governed by all policies and entitled to all rights and privileges afforded such employees, except that they shall be paid at the prevailing minimum wage.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment would allow the bill to apply to Maine residents who are full-time students only and would be funded through use of unfilled positions in the State, therefore, no appropriation would be required.

Reported by the Committee on Education.

Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House. 4/18/75

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