

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 797

H. P. 645

House of Representatives, February 26, 1975

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Lynch of Livermore Falls.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Create a Nongeographic School Administrative Unit for the
Bureau of Corrections.

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

Sec. 1. 20 MRSA § 3452, sub-§ 1, as amended by PL 1973, c. 637, § 2, is further amended to read:

1. **Administrative unit.** "Administrative unit" shall include all municipal or quasi-municipal corporations responsible for operating or constructing public schools or those school administrative units otherwise authorized by the Legislature.

Sec. 2. 34 MRSA § 529 is enacted to read:

§ 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 nongeographic 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 otherwise eligible to attend public schools, are eligible to attend such schools. In addition, such schools shall be open to members of the public in the open community at the discretion of the Bureau of Corrections.

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. Matching grants solicited by State. The State shall solicit matching grants from the Federal Government to defray the costs of operating the schools authorized by this section, and the funds received shall be allocated to the Bureau of Corrections. No part of the operating cost of such schools shall be charged to any of the school districts of this State.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Statutory creation of a nongeographic school administrative unit for the Bureau of Corrections will authorize it to apply legally for Title I funding under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 for use at adult correctional facilities.

This bill effects recommendation #46 of the report of the Governor's Task Force on Corrections.