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Reported by Senator Reeves of Kennebec from the Joint Select Committee on Jobs, pursuant to Joint Orders S. P. 391 and S. P. 555 and printed under Joint Rules No. 3.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Filed under Joint Rule 3 pursuant to S. P. 391 and 555.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SIX

**AN ACT to Require the Employment Service to Provide Services
to High School Students.**

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

26 MRSA § 1083, sub-§ 3 is enacted to read:

3. Services to students. The commissioner shall include in each annual plan of service a program for service to students in Maine public secondary schools. Such plan shall give priority of service to all public high school seniors, particularly those who do not have definite post-graduation plans for employment or further education. The service shall provide to such students testing where appropriate, counseling concerning their ability and the availability of jobs, and any other services of the Employment Service which will assist them to obtain and retain suitable employment or further education, including services of the Job Bank.

Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as requiring the commissioner to submit an annual plan of service which would be out of compliance with Federal statutes or regulations governing this plan, or the programs or budgets conducted thereunder.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this Bill is to require the Commissioner of the Department of Manpower Affairs to request approval of the United States Department

of Labor for a program to assist public high school seniors in their post-graduation job or educational plans. The commissioner is required to submit an annual plan of service for Department of Labor approval as one condition for receiving Federal funds for the Employment Security Commission.

The Maine Employment Service conducted a program until 1970, when it was precluded by a change in Federal regulations and budgets. It is thought that reinstatement of the program would be consistent with current regulations.

Unemployed youth are a major segment of the hardcore unemployed and are particularly in need of special efforts by the Employment Service because of their typical lack of job skills and knowledge of job opportunities.