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**Legislative Document**

**No. 731**

S. P. 258

In Senate, February 23, 1979

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

Presented by Senator Gill of Cumberland.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

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**AN ACT Providing for the Career Development Needs of Maine Citizens Through the Creation of a Division of Career Education within the Department of Educational and Cultural Services.**

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

Sec. 1. 20 MRSA c. 310 is enacted to read:

**CHAPTER 310**

**CAREER EDUCATION**

§ 2411. Short title

This chapter may be cited as "The Career Education Act of 1979."

§ 2412. Findings and declaration of purpose

1. Preparation for career consistent with abilities and goals. The Legislature finds that a major purpose of education is to prepare each individual for a career consistent with that individual's abilities and goals.

2. Relating education to career aspirations. The Legislature further finds that career education holds the promise of improving the quality of education and opening career opportunities for all students by relating education to their career aspirations.

3. Career education as an integral part of educational process. It is the intent of the Legislature that career education should become an integral part of the educational process and that all educational agencies, including elementary and secondary schools, post-secondary educational institutions, adult education programs and employment and training programs should make every effort to carry out this intent.

§ 2413. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context indicates otherwise, the following terms shall have the following meanings.

1. Commissioner. "Commissioner" shall mean the commissioner of the Department of Educational and Cultural Services.

2. Director. "Director" shall mean the director of the Division of Career Education.

3. Division. "Division" shall mean the Division of Career Education.

§ 2414. Division of Career Education; established; director

1. Establishment. A Division of Career Education is established within the department.

2. Director. The division shall be administered by a director appointed by the commissioner who shall serve at the pleasure of the commissioner. The director shall be a person who has experience and training in state level career education concepts, practices and planning.

§ 2415. Powers and duties

The director shall:

1. Coordination system. Plan, establish and maintain a system for coordinating career programs in all public and private educational and training institutions;

2. Funds. Seek funds from any source to support the development of comprehensive career education throughout the State;

3. State plan. Develop a state plan annually which shall be based upon 1978-83 State Plan for Career Education;

4. Grants and contracts. Make grants to and contracts with any administrative unit, educational institution or organization to support and evaluate career education programs in grades Kindergarten through 12;

5. Councils. Establish 6 Regional Community Action Councils for Career Education and a single State Level Community Action Council to ensure the active participation of all segments of the community in the development of Kindergarten through 12 career education;

6. **Records and research.** Maintain records and engage in research, including the gathering of statistical information relating to career education in the State;

7. **Training.** Conduct inservice institutes for educational personnel and training for local career education coordinators;

8. **Materials.** Collect, evaluate and distribute career education materials throughout the State with special emphasis on materials relating to overcoming sex biases and stereotyping;

9. **Needs assessment.** Conduct statewide needs a assessment and program evaluation;

10. **Conferences.** Conduct statewide career education leadership conferences;

11. **Collaboration with other agencies.** Engage in collaborative efforts with other public and private agencies to encourage career education;

12. **Curriculum.** Promote the adaptation of teacher, counselor and administrator training curricula to the concepts of career education;

13. **Payments.** Make payments to administrative units to support the development and implementation of a Comprehensive Plan for Kindergarten through 12 Career Education. This plan should emphasize career awareness in grades Kindergarten through 6, career exploration in grades 7-9 and career decision making in grades 10-12.

14. **Guidance centers.** Establish Comprehensive Career Guidance Centers within existing institutes in collaboration with the Maine Occupational Information Coordinating Committee.

**Sec. 2. Appropriation.** The following funds shall be appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

**Department of Educational & Cultural Services**

<b>Division of Career Education</b>	<b>1979-80</b>	<b>1980-81</b>
Positions	(6)	
Personal Services	\$94,077	\$98,386
All Other	125,000	150,000
Total	219,077	248,386

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

The purpose of this bill is to establish a Division of Career Education in the Department of Educational and Cultural Services.