

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 875

H. P. 697

House of Representatives, March 1, 1979

On Motion of Mr. Connolly of Portland, referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Reeves of Pittston.

Cosponsor: Mrs. Gowen of Standish.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Permit Special Education Students who have Completed Available Special Education Programs to Enter Vocational Schools before Attaining the Age of 16.

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

20 MRSA § 2356-A, sub-§ 3, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 205, § 2, is amended to read:

3. Programs. It shall provide programs of education and training in trade, industrial, agricultural, business, distributive and service occupations to persons in secondary school, for persons who have graduated from a secondary school or, for qualified persons over 16 years of age who have left school prior to graduation from a secondary school **or for qualified persons who have completed a special education program pursuant to chapter 404.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to permit persons in special education programs who complete those programs before the age of 16 to enter vocational institutes. Special education students often finish with available special education programs before they reach 16 years of age. Under current law they would be unable to enter a vocational institute until they reached 16 years of age.