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15 16 17	IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
18 19 20 21 22	AN ACT to Permit Persons Under 18 Years of Age Who Pass the Test for General Educa- tional Development to Receive a High School Equivalency Certificate at that Time.
23 24	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
25 26 27	20-A MRSA §257, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:
28 29 30	1. Issue. The commissioner shall issue high school equivalency certificates to residents of the State who:
31	A. Are at least 18 years of age;
32	B. Are 17 years of age and have:

1	(1) A documented, immediate need; and
2	(2) Written approval from the local super-
3	intendent or his designee;
4	C. Have not been in attendance for one year or
5	more at a public school or a private school
6	approved by a state department or accredited by a
7	regional association of colleges and secondary
8	schools;
9 10	D. Have completed a formal training program approved by the commissioner; and
11	E. Demonstrate through procedures prescribed by
12	the commissioner that they have attained a gen-
13	eral educational development comparable to that
14	of secondary school graduates.
15	The commissioner shall issue the certificates re-
16	quired by this subsection upon completion of the re-
17	quirements of this subsection or as soon thereafter
18	as possible.
19	STATEMENT OF FACT

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20 The current law requires a person to be 18 and 21 meet certain requirements to be issued a general edu-22 cational development certificate by the Commissioner 23 of the Department of Educational and Cultural Ser-24 vices. The original bill required the commissioner 25 to issue a certificate to any person who has satis-26 fied the requirements regardless of age. This new 27 draft continues the provisions of the current law with respect to 18 year olds and adds a requirement that a general educational development certificate 28 29 30 will also be issued to 17 year olds who meet 2 addi-31 tional requirements. Those are that the 17 year old 32 have a documented, immediate need for a general edu-33 cational development certificate and have written 34 approval from the local superintendent or his desig-35 nee.

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