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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 570

7 S.P. 212

In Senate, February 14, 1985

8 Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and ordered printed.

9 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

10 Presented by Senator Trafton of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative Boutilier of Lewiston.

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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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17 AN ACT Concerning Alternatives to Attendance
18 in Public Schools.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 20-A MRSA §5001-A, sub-§3, ¶A, as enacted by PL
23 1983, c. 806, §49, is amended to read:

24 A. Equivalent instruction alternatives are as
25 follows.

26 (1) A person shall be excused from attend-
27 ing a public day school if the person ob-
28 tains equivalent instruction in a private
29 school or degree-granting institution or in
30 any other manner arranged for by the school
31 board and if the equivalent instruction is
32 approved by the commissioner.

1 (2) If any request to be excused is denied
2 by a school board, an appeal may be filed
3 with the commissioner. The commissioner
4 shall review the request to be excused to
5 determine whether the school board has been
6 correct in its finding that no equivalent
7 instruction is available to the person. If
8 the commissioner finds that equivalent in-
9 struction is available to the person, the
10 commissioner shall approve the request to be
11 excused.

12 (3) A student shall be credited with at-
13 tendance at a private school or degree-
14 granting institution only if a certificate
15 showing the name, residence and attendance
16 of the person at the school, signed by the
17 person or persons in charge of the school,
18 has been filed with the school officials of
19 the administrative unit in which the student
20 resides.

21 STATEMENT OF FACT

22 The purpose of this bill is to allow attendance
23 at degree-granting institutions as an alternative to
24 public school attendance.

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