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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
112TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "*A*" to H.P. 1131, L.D.
1638, Bill, "AN ACT Concerning Transitional Services
for Handicapped Persons Beyond School Age."

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Amend the bill by striking out everything after
the enacting clause and inserting in its place the
following:

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'Sec. 1. Submission of final report. The Legis-
lature accepts the publication of the interim report
of the Select Committee to Address Training and Em-
ployment Opportunities for Handicapped Persons Beyond
School Age. The interim report demonstrates a real
need to continue the effort to bring a final report
to the Legislature. To that end, the select commit-
tee shall continue its efforts and submit a final re-
port with any necessary legislation to the Governor
and to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations
and Financial Affairs; the Joint Standing Committee
on Education; and the Joint Standing Committee on Hu-
man Resources no later than January 1, 1986.

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Based on the interim report, the Legislature rec-
ognizes a need to provide relief to handicapped young
persons who will be leaving school this year. In or-
der to provide such relief the Bureau of Mental Re-
tardation, Department of Mental Health and Mental Re-
tardation, shall, upon the effective date of this
Act, hire 5 Client Services Coordinators in order to
assist these young people and their families with the
transition from school. The Bureau of Mental Retar-
dation shall establish 6 pilot centers distributed
throughout the state. Each pilot center shall pro-
vide training and employment opportunities for handi-
capped persons who are beyond school age. Each pilot
center shall be expected to provide services to 30
individuals per year. The Client Services Coordina-

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tors shall be located in 5 of the areas covered by the centers. The Bureau of Mental Retardation shall report to the Select Committee no later than December 1, 1985. The report shall include the projected numbers of handicapped persons who will be trained and employed by the centers.

7 Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are
8 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the
9 purposes of this Act.

10 1985-86

11 MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL
12 RETARDATION, DEPARTMENT OF

13 Bureau of Mental Retardation

14	Positions	(5)
15	Personal Services	\$ 75,000
16	All Other	300,000

17	Total	\$375,000
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19 for 5 Client
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1 STATEMENT OF FACT

2 The interim report to the 112th Legislature of
3 the Select Committee to Address Training and Employ-
4 ment Opportunities for Handicapped Persons Beyond
5 School Age documents the beginning of an effort which
6 should get a full hearing before the Legislature. To
7 that end, this amendment directs the select committee
8 to prepare a final report, with any necessary legis-
9 lation, by January 1, 1986.

10 The Bureau of Mental Retardation is receiving
11 referrals of school age retarded persons at the rate
12 of 300 per year. Special education directors, ac-
13 cording to the interim report, state that mentally
14 retarded students require the broadest range of ser-
15 vices in order to make the transition from school to
16 employment. In order to provide those services, this
17 amendment provides for: 5 case managers who will link
18 these young handicapped persons with existing ser-
19 vices with each case manager serving 50 clients and
20 their families; the establishment of 6 pilot centers
21 which are to provide training; and employment oppor-
22 tunities for handicapped youth leaving school. Thir-
23 ty individuals are to be served by each of the 6 cen-
24 ters.

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