

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 501

H.P. 380 House of Representatives, February 23, 1987
Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and
ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative ANTHONY of South Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator KANY of Kennebec, Representatives
CURRAN of Westbrook and O'GARA of Westbrook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

1 AN ACT to Permit Certain Young People to
2 Obtain a High School Equivalency
3 Certificate at a Younger Age.
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5 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
6 follows:

7 20-A MRSA §257, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

8 1-A. Issue; custodial parents. The commission
9 shall issue a high school equivalency certificate to
10 any residents of the State who:

11 A. Are at least 15 years of age;

12 B. Are unable to attend a public or private
13 school because they are the custodial parents of
14 a minor;

1 C. Have completed a formal training program ap-
2 proved by the commissioner; and

3 D. Demonstrate through procedures prescribed by
4 the commissioner that they have attained a gener-
5 al educational development comparable to that of
6 secondary school graduates.

7 The commissioner shall issue the certificates re-
8 quired by this subsection upon completion of the re-
9 quirements of this subsection or as soon thereafter
10 as possible.

11 STATEMENT OF FACT

12 This bill permits teen parents to seek a high
13 school equivalency certificate by enrolling in a Gen-
14 eral Education Diploma program if their child care
15 responsibilities prevent them from enrolling in a
16 regular public school.

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