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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 1401

H.P. 1040 House of Representatives, May 1, 1987
Reported by Representative BOST from the Committee on
Education and printed under Joint Rule 2.
EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Original bill sponsored by Representative JOSEPH of
Waterville. Cosponsored by Representatives ROLDE of York,
HANDY of Lewiston and Senator RANDALL of Washington.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Foster the High School Equivalency
2 Program by Removing Fees Imposed on
3 Persons who Participate in that
4 Program.
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6 Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis-
7 lature do not become effective until 90 days after
8 adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

9 Whereas, the Department of Educational and Cul-
10 tural Services has an on-going program to supervise
11 high school equivalency courses and examinations; and

12 Whereas, the department's revenues from the exam-
13 ination fees do not cover the total cost of their re-
14 sponsibilities for the program and will result in a

1 shortfall of between \$15,000 and \$25,000 if the
2 change does not take effect until 90 days after the
3 close of the Legislature; and

4 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
5 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of
6 the Constitution of Maine and require the following
7 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-
8 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
9 therefore,

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

12 **Sec. 1.** 20-A MRSA §257, sub-§3, as amended by PL
13 1985, c. 774, §3, is repealed and the following en-
14 acted in its place:

15 3. Fees. No fee may be charged for the issuance
16 of any high school equivalency certificate.

17 **Sec. 2.** 20-A MRSA §15002-A, sub-§3, as enacted
18 by PL 1985, c. 774, §7, is repealed.

19 **Sec. 3.** Allocation. The following funds are al-
20 located from Other Special Revenue Fund to carry out
21 the purposes of this Act.

	<u>1987-88</u>	<u>1988-89</u>
<u>EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL</u>		
<u>SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF</u>		
General Education Diploma		
High School Equivalency		
Operations		
Positions	(-2)	(-2)
Personal Services	(\$56,425)	(\$57,628)
All Other	(18,652)	(18,465)
Capital Expenditures	(1,700)	(1,700)
Total	<u>(\$76,777)</u>	<u>(\$77,793)</u>

34 **Sec. 4.** Appropriation. The following funds are

1 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the
2 purposes of this Act.

3		<u>1987-88</u>	<u>1988-89</u>
4	<u>EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL</u>		
5	<u>SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF</u>		
6	High School Equivalency		
7	Program		
8	Positions	(2.0)	(2.0)
9	Personal Services	\$ 59,108	\$ 61,001
10	All Other	40,849	46,648
11	Capital Expenditures	1,700	1,700
12			
13	Total	<u>\$101,657</u>	<u>\$109,349</u>

14 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited
15 in the preamble, this Act shall take effect on July
16 1, 1987.

17 FISCAL NOTE

18 This new draft will have the following effect on
19 revenues:

20		<u>1987-88</u>	<u>1988-89</u>
21	Other Special Revenue	(\$77,793)	(\$77,793)

22 STATEMENT OF FACT

23 The purpose of this new draft is reflected in the
24 emergency preamble.

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