

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 799

H.P. 556

House of Representatives, February 25, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and ordered printed.

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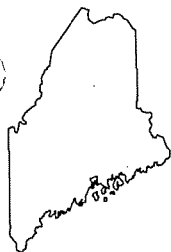
EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative AULT of Wayne.
Cosponsored by Senator McCORMICK of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act to Permit Students to Take Tests for Credit for Certain Classes.



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

20-A MRSA §4730 is enacted to read:

§4730. Curriculum mastery testing

A school administrative unit may develop a testing program by which any high school student may substitute successful test results for the unit's normal course requirements in any academic course or program. If a unit offers the testing program, a student has the option of choosing to participate. Upon successful completion of the test, a student must be granted academic credit for the course or program and excused from attendance and other requirements of the course or program. A unit's testing program under this section must:

1. Locally developed. Be approved by the school board;

2. Subject matter mastery. Be designed to require demonstration of mastery of the specific course or program content; and

3. Academic course. Apply to any academic program or course and to any student taking the course whether for the first time, after previously failing the course or as part of a summer or other remedial program.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill authorizes school administrative units to use locally developed tests to permit students to take tests for credit for school courses. The tests must be designed to require demonstration of mastery over the courses' subject matter. A student who passes the test for a course must be granted academic credit and excused from the attendance and other requirements of that course. The test would be available to any student who has not yet taken the course, who has failed the course, or who would otherwise take the course as part of a summer or other remedial program.