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Submitted by the Department of Education pursuant to Joint Rule 24.
Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRAWN of Knox

Cosponsored by Senator ESTES of York, Representative NORTON of Winthrop and
Representative OLIVER of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**An Act to Amend the Laws Concerning High School Equivalency
Certificates.**



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

20-A MRSA §257, as amended by PL 1989, c. 525, §1, is further amended to read:

§257. High school equivalency diplomas

1. Issue. The commissioner shall issue high school equivalency certificates diplomas to residents of the State who:

A. ~~Are at least 18 years of age;~~

B. Are at least 18 years of age, or are 17 years of age and have:

(1) A documented, immediate need; and

(2) Written approval from the local superintendent or the superintendent's designee;

C. Have not been in attendance for one year or more at a public school or a private school approved by a state department or accredited by a regional association of colleges and secondary schools;

D. Have completed a formal training program approved by the commissioner; and

E. Demonstrate through procedures prescribed by the commissioner that they have attained a general educational development comparable to that of secondary school graduates.

The commissioner shall issue the certificates equivalency diplomas required by this subsection upon completion of the requirements of this subsection or as soon thereafter as possible.

2. Equivalency diploma status. Certificates ~~---shall~~ Equivalency diplomas have the legal status of high school diplomas.

3. Fees. No A fee may not be charged for the issuance of any high school equivalency certificate diploma.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill changes the name of "high school equivalency certificates" to "high school equivalency diplomas" to be consistent with federal laws.