

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 115th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

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H.P. 1544

House of Representatives, January 21, 1992

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.  
Reference to the Joint Select Committee on Corrections suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Ed Pert'.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative ANTHONY of South Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator GILL of Cumberland, Representative OLIVER of Portland and Representative HANDY of Lewiston.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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**An Act to Authorize the Granting of Administrative Good Time to Those  
Inmates Who Are Aggressively Pursuing High School Equivalency  
Certificates or the Achievement of Functional Literacy.**

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

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4       **Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1253, sub-§5-A is enacted to read:**

6       5-A. In addition to the provisions contained in subsection  
8       4, up to 2 days per month may be deducted in the case of those  
10       inmates committed to the Department of Corrections who are:

12       A. Making reasonable efforts toward obtaining high school  
14       diplomas or high school equivalency certificates;

16       B. Receiving literacy training through an organized  
18       literacy program administered or approved by the Department  
20       of Corrections; or

22       C. Involved in the teaching and training of inmates engaged  
24       in the activities described in paragraphs A and B.

26       These deductions may be authorized by the institution head upon  
28       the good faith effort expended by an inmate pursuing an activity  
30       under paragraph A, B or C and in accordance with policy and  
32       guidelines established by the Department of Corrections.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill authorizes the Department of Corrections to grant up to an additional 2 days of good time per month to those inmates who are making good faith efforts toward obtaining a high school diploma or a high school equivalency certificate, learning to read or helping other inmates with their educational pursuits.