

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION-1998

Legislative Document

No. 2078

H.P. 1479

House of Representatives, January 20, 1998

An Act to Allow Recognition of Private Schools with Outstanding Residential Counseling Programs.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative SNOWE-MELLO of Poland.
Cosponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot and
Representatives: MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, MACK of Standish, MUSE of South
Portland, PIEH of Bremen, WINGLASS of Auburn.

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

4 Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §3003 is enacted to read:

6 **§3003. Recognition of outstanding counseling program**

8 The Department of Human Services, as provided in Title 22,
10 section 4-A, may issue a certificate recognizing an approved
12 private school for its outstanding residential counseling program
14 for troubled adolescents.

16 Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §4-A is enacted to read:

18 **§4-A. Recognition of outstanding counseling program**

20 The department may issue a certificate recognizing a private
22 school approved under Title 20-A, chapter 117 for its outstanding
24 residential counseling program for troubled adolescents. This
26 section authorizes the department to use its discretion in
28 determining effective programs, but does not authorize the
30 department to regulate those programs.

SUMMARY

This bill authorizes the Department of Human Services to issue a certificate recognizing private schools that provide outstanding residential counseling programs for troubled adolescents.