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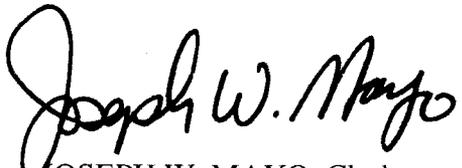
No. 1574

H.P. 1115

House of Representatives, March 2, 1999

**An Act to Improve Access to Education for Parents as Scholars Program
Participants.**

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative QUINT of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot and
Representatives: BRAGDON of Bangor, DAVIDSON of Brunswick, FULLER of
Manchester, HATCH of Skowhegan, SAXL of Portland, TOWNSEND of Portland,
WILLIAMS of Orono, Senator: BERUBE of Androscoggin.

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

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Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3790, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 530,
4 Pt. B, §1, is amended to read:

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3. Participation requirements. An enrollee must
participate in a combination of education, training, study or
8 work-site experience for an average of 20 hours per week ~~in the~~
~~first 24 months of the program. Aid under this chapter may~~
10 ~~continue beyond 24 months if the enrollee remains in an~~
~~educational program and agrees to perform a minimum of 20 hours~~
12 ~~per week of work site experience in addition to time spent in~~
~~education, training or study.~~ For the purposes of this
14 subsection, work-site experience has the same meaning as in
section 3788, subsection 10, paragraph C. An enrollee receiving
16 aid under this chapter must make satisfactory progress in the
enrollee's educational program. The department shall adopt rules
18 defining satisfactory academic progress. The department may not
disapprove an educational plan based solely on the length of the
20 educational program.

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SUMMARY

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This bill removes certain participation requirements for
26 low-income parents participating in a postsecondary education
program, known as the Parents as Scholars Program.