

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2005

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Legislative Document

No. 1175

S.P. 403

In Senate, March 8, 2005

### An Act Concerning Diplomas and Students with Disabilities

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Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs 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 WOODCOCK of Franklin.  
Cosponsored by Senator BRENNAN of Cumberland, Representative SAVIELLO of Wilton  
and  
Representatives: MILLS of Farmington, PINEAU of Jay.

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4722, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. Exception for students with disabilities. A student with such severe disabilities that accomplishment of content standards for grades 9 to 12 is determined unreachable by the Pupil Evaluation Team, which includes the high school principal, may be awarded a diploma based upon successfully reaching the goals of that student's individualized education plan and other locally established graduation criteria, including alternate local assessment. It may be noted on the diploma that the diploma is based on Alternate Standards and Assessment.

#### SUMMARY

This bill awards diplomas to students who complete the goals of those students' individualized education plans.