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Referred to Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Rankin of Bridgton.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT Relating to Records of Educational Institutions.**

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

**R. S., c. 37, § 124, amended.** Section 124 of chapter 37 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 124. Conferring literary or academic degrees without authority of legislature prohibited; penalty; state department of education to keep records.** No person, partnership, institution, or corporation shall be empowered to confer educational, literary, or academic degrees unless thereunto expressly authorized by an act of the legislature. Any person, partnership, institution, or corporation offering or conferring degrees, or purporting to offer and confer degrees, without being thereunto duly authorized, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000, or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

The trustees or officers of any college or other institution of learning, whether incorporated or not, upon going out of existence or ceasing to function as an educational institution, may turn over its records of all grades attained by its students to the state ~~library~~ **department of education** to be preserved by it as a central depository of this valuable historical material.

The state ~~library~~ **department of education** is designated the central depository for the records of such educational institutions in this state as have ceased to exist, or may cease to exist in the future. The state ~~library~~ **department of education** shall, where possible, collect the records of such educational institution extinct, or hereafter becoming extinct, and have the supervision, care, custody, and control of said records. They shall, when requested, prepare transcripts of such grade records, which may, at any time become necessary to the former student, for further scholastic work at other institutions, for certification for teaching and other professional positions. Whenever such transcript is made, and after it has been compared with the original, it shall be certified by the state ~~library~~ **department of education** and shall thereafter be considered and accepted as evidence and, for all other purposes, the same as the original could be. ~~For the preparation of such transcript the state library may charge a nominal fee to compensate them for the actual labor of preparing such transcript.~~ **The state department of education may charge a nominal fee for the actual labor of preparing such transcript.**

The provisions of this section shall be mandatory in the case of all new educational corporations chartered after June 30, 1933.'