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House of Representatives, March 30, 1945.

Reported by Mr. Marsans from the Committee on Education and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Records of Educational Institutions.

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

R. S., c. 37, § 124, repealed and replaced. Section 124 of chapter 37 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof.

'Sec. 124. Conferring literary or academic degrees without authority of legislature prohibited; penalty; state department of education to collect and preserve records. No person, partnership, institution or corporation, or their legal representatives, 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, or any of their legal representatives, offering or conferring 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 department of education to be preserved as important material of historical and record value.

The commissioner of education shall, when requested, prepare transcripts of all grade records, which may, at any time, become necessary to the former student for further scholastic work at another institution of learning, for certification for teaching, and for professional positions. Whenever such transcript is made from the original and certified by the commissioner of education, it shall thereafter be considered and accepted as legal evidence and, for all other purposes, the same as the original itself. The state department of education shall charge a nominal fee for the actual cost of preparing such transcripts.

The commissioner of education shall further collect all records of educational institutions within the state which are now extinct, or shall hereafter become extinct, and shall deposit all such records in a place of safety and accessibility for future preservation and use.

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