

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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**PRIVATE AND
SPECIAL LAWS**

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED AT THE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

1985

CHAPTER 82

H.P. 1131 - L.D. 1638

**AN ACT Concerning Transitional Services for
Handicapped Persons Beyond School Age.**

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

Sec. 1. Submission of final report. The Legislature accepts the publication of the interim report of the Select Committee to Address Training and Employment Opportunities for Handicapped Persons Beyond School Age. The interim report demonstrates a real need to continue the effort to bring a final report to the Legislature. To that end, the select committee shall continue its efforts and submit a final report with any necessary legislation to the Governor and to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs; the Joint Standing Committee on Education; and the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources no later than January 1, 1986.

Based on the interim report, the Legislature recognizes a need to provide relief to handicapped young persons who will be leaving school this year. In order to provide such relief the Bureau of Mental Retardation, Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, shall, upon the effective date of this Act, hire 5 Client Services Coordinators in order to assist these young people and their families with the transition from school. The Bureau of Mental Retardation shall establish 6 pilot centers distributed throughout the state. Each pilot center shall provide training and employment opportunities for handicapped persons who are beyond school age. Each pilot center shall be expected to provide services to 30 individuals per year. The Client Services Coordinators shall be located in 5 of the areas covered by the centers. The Bureau of Mental Retardation shall report to the Select Committee no later than December 1, 1985. The report shall include the projected numbers of handicapped persons who will be trained and employed by the centers.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1985-86MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL
RETARDATION, DEPARTMENT OF

1985-86

Bureau of Mental Retardation

Positions	(5)
Personal Services	\$ 75,000
All Other	<u>300,000</u>
Total	\$375,000

Provides funds for 5 Client Service Coordinators and for the establishment of 6 statewide pilot centers to provide training and employment opportunities for handicapped persons who are beyond school age.

Effective September 19, 1985.
