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H. P. 1078

House of Representatives, March 20, 1979 On Motion of Mr. Connolly of Portland, referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Sherburne of Dexter.

Cosponsors: Mr. Hall of Sangerville, Mrs. Locke of Sebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Assure the Continuance of Privately Operated Schools for the Handicapped.

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

20 MRSA § 3122, sub-§ 2, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 732, § 2, is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

Where, in a given School Administrative District, there exists a privately operated school for the handicapped, any custodial parent of a handicapped child shall be given notice and opportunity to be heard as to whether the privately operated school provides the least restrictive educational alternative for that child. Hearing shall be had before the child's educational assignment is set or changed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to assure the continuance of privately operated schools for the handicapped.