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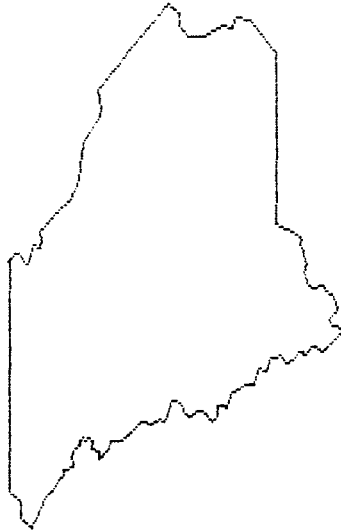


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BILL SUMMARY



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V. SPECIAL EDUCATION

A. ENACTED

571 AN ACT TO AMEND THE SPECIAL EDUCATION STATUTES PROVIDING FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S GENERAL SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING FOR EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS Stevens ENACT. PL 64

SUMMARY: The federal special education law requires states to establish a single line of authority for special education services. The bill gives the Department of Education general supervisory authority over the special education components of programs administered by other departments.

645 AN ACT TO AMEND SPECIAL EDUCATION STATUTES RELATED TO COMPLAINT PROCEDURES Crouse ENACT. PL 130

SUMMARY: The statutes provide a procedure for parents and other interested parties to file complaints with the Commissioner of Education. The bill requires the commissioner to file a written report.

658 AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATUTES RELATING TO COORDINATION SERVICES FOR PRESCHOOL HANDICAPPED CHILDREN Diamond, G ENACT. PL 137

SUMMARY: The bill clarifies the responsibilities of the fiscal agent for the Preschool Projects for Handicapped Children.

999 AN ACT TO REMOVE THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE GOVERNOR BAXTER SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF FROM CLASSIFIED SERVICE AND CLARIFY THE LAW RELATING TO STATE EDUCATIONAL PERSONNEL Andrews ENACT. PL 139

SUMMARY: Presently, the superintendent position is classified which means it is covered by the personnel rules governing dismissal. By making the position non-classified it means the Commissioner of Education can replace the superintendent more easily.