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1 (New Draft of H.P. 595, L.D. 739)
2 (New Title)

3 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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5 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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7 Legislative Document

No. 1589

9 H.P. 1198

House of Representatives, May 10, 1983

10 Reported by Representative Crouse from the Committee on Education
11 and printed under Joint Rule 2.

Original bill presented by Representative Beaulieu of Portland.

12 Cosponsored by Senator Najarian of Cumberland, Representative Nelson of
Portland and Senator Hichens of York.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

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14 STATE OF MAINE
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16 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
17 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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19 AN ACT to Designate the Division of Eye
20 Care as the Agency for the Provision of
21 Certain Services to Blind Children.
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23 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
24 follows:

25 Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3502, as amended by PL 1973, c.
26 307, §3, is repealed and the following enacted in its
27 place:

28 §3502. Education of blind children

29 1. Division of Eye Care: The Division of Eye
30 Care shall provide the following services to blind
31 and visually impaired individuals from birth to age
32 21:

- 1 A. Itinerant teacher services;
- 2 B. Mobility instruction;
- 3 C. Braille instruction;
- 4 D. Low-vision services;
- 5 E. Special aids and supplies needed to partici-
- 6 pate in the educational process; and
- 7 F. Advocacy, counseling and guidance services to
- 8 students and their parents.

9 2. School administrative units. Nothing in this
10 section relieves school administrative units from
11 fulfilling their responsibilities under Title 20-A,
12 Part 4, subpart 1.

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

	<u>1983-84</u>	<u>1984-85</u>
<u>EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL</u>		
<u>SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF</u>		
Division of Special		
Education-Exceptional		
Children		
All Other	(\$281,138)	(\$317,687)

<u>HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT</u>		
<u>OF</u>		
Division of Eye Care		
All Other	\$281,138	\$317,687

27 STATEMENT OF FACT

28 This new draft makes the Division of Eye Care
29 responsible for providing itinerant teaching and the
30 support services to preschool and school age chil-

1 dren. It does not eliminate the responsibility of
2 school administrative units to determine what ser-
3 vices are needed and to insure they are provided.

4 Section 2 provides funding for maintaining ser-
5 vices as required in section 1.

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