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## 117th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 740

H.P. 544

House of Representatives, March 7, 1995

An Act Concerning Extracurricular Activity Eligibility for Students Identified under the Federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative JONES of Pittsfield. Cosponsored by Representatives: AULT of Wayne, DUNN of Gray, JOY of Crystal, POIRIER of Saco, REED of Falmouth, STEDMAN of Hartland.

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §7201, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

Exceptional students must be provided with equal opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities. Eligibility for exceptional students to participate in extracurricular activities may not be denied because of academic standing or enrollment in a reduced course load when that standing or enrollment is due to the student's exceptionality and the student is in compliance with the educational components of an individualized education plan.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

Significant skills may be acquired and self-image greatly improved when exceptional students are able to participate in extracurricular school activities. This bill provides that a special education student will not be denied eligibility to participate in extracurricular activities because of failure to meet academic eligibility standards or to be enrolled in a certain number or type of classes if that failure is due to the student's exceptionality and the student is in compliance with an individualized education plan.