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H.P. 636

House of Representatives, February 6, 1997

**An Act to Require That School Administrative Units Provide Additional
Appropriate Personnel When Transporting Students with Special Needs.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative DESMOND of Mapleton.
Cosponsored by Senator SMALL of Sagadahoc and
Representatives: SIROIS of Caribou, SKOGLUND of St. George, WHEELER of Eliot,
Senator: CATHCART of Penobscot.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §5401, sub-§12,** as enacted by PL 1981, c.
693, §§5 and 8, is amended to read:

6 **12. Safety.** ~~Transportation--provided--shall--conserve--the~~
7 ~~comfort,--safety--and--welfare--of--the--students--conveyed.~~ A
8 responsible driver shall must be in charge of the vehicle and
9 ~~shall have control over the conduct of the students while they~~
10 ~~are transported.~~ The school administrative unit shall provide
11 additional appropriate personnel, as necessary, to accommodate
12 students with special needs and to ensure the comfort, safety and
13 welfare of all students conveyed.

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16 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill provides special-needs students with safer bus
transportation to and from school.