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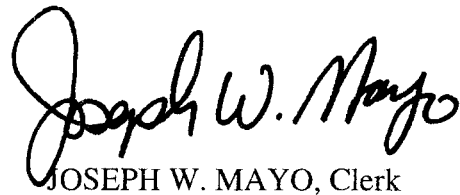
No. 199

H.P. 137

House of Representatives, January 11, 1999

**An Act to Require That All Schools Employ a Gifted and Talented
Teacher.**

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


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative GAGNE of Buckfield.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BAKER of Bangor, DESMOND of Mapleton.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4703**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 859, Pt.
C, §§5 and 7, is amended to read:

6 **§4703. Instruction for gifted and talented students in**
8 **accordance with chapter 311.**

10 Elementary and secondary schools may shall employ a teacher
to provide special instruction for gifted and talented students.

12 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §8104, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1997, c.
14 696, §5, is further amended to read:

16 **1. Establishment.** Each school administrative unit must,
commencing with the 1987-88 school year, establish a plan for
18 phasing in gifted and talented educational programs. A school
administrative unit or part of a school administrative unit is
not required to comply with the provisions of its plan during the
20 school years beginning in the fall of 1998 ~~and-1999~~.

22 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill requires schools to employ a teacher to offer
instruction to gifted and talented students. This bill also
26 eliminates the postponement of a school administrative unit's
plan to provide for a gifted and talented educational program
28 during the 1999-2000 school year.