

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 209

H.P. 147

House of Representatives, January 11, 1999

An Act to Amend the Definition of Exceptional Student.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative GAGNE of Buckfield.
Cosponsored by Senator BERUBE of Androscoggin and
Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, BOLDUC of Auburn, COLWELL of Gardiner,
JACOBS of Turner, TOWNSEND of Portland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §7001, sub-§2, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 1981, c.
693, §§5 and 8, is repealed and the following enacted in its
6 place:

8 C. By reason of one or more of the following disabilities,
needs special education and related services:

10 (1) Mental retardation;

12 (2) A hearing impairment, including deafness;

14 (3) A speech or language impairment;

16 (4) A visual impairment, including blindness;

18 (5) A serious emotional disturbance;

20 (6) An orthopedic impairment;

22 (7) Autism;

24 (8) A traumatic brain injury;

26 (9) Other health impairment; or

28 (10) A specific learning disability.

30 **SUMMARY**

32 This bill replaces the current part of the definition of
34 "exceptional student" in the education laws concerning impairment
36 requiring special education with language from federal law
defining the term "child with disability."