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H.P. 586

House of Representatives, January 28, 1999

An Act Concerning Student Medication.

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 PIEH of Bremen.
Cosponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln and
Representatives: GAGNON of Waterville, GOOLEY of Farmington, KANE of Saco,
McGLOCKLIN of Embden, PERKINS of Penobscot, Senators: GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock,
NUTTING of Androscoggin, PARADIS of Aroostook.

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

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Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §254, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 693,
4 §§5 and 8, is amended to read:

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5. Medication. The commissioner may adopt or amend rules
for the administration of medication in public or approved
8 private schools. Those rules must provide that authority granted
to a school secretary to administer medication is an option that
10 may be exercised at the sole discretion of the secretary.
Medication may not be administered by unlicensed personnel at
12 these schools, except as provided by the written prescription of
a physician or dentist or by the written permission of the parent
14 or guardian of the individual receiving the medication.

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SUMMARY

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This bill provides that school secretaries may exercise an
20 option to administer medication to students.