

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1261

S.P. 424

In Senate, February 16, 1999

An Act to Require the Training of School Personnel Who Administer Medications.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock, Representative: BUCK of Yarmouth.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §254, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 693,
§§5 and 8, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

6 5. Medication. The commissioner shall provide for the
administration of medication within schools as follows.

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10 A. The commissioner may adopt or amend rules for the
administration of medication in public or approved private
12 schools. Medication may not be administered by unlicensed
personnel at these schools, except as provided by the
14 written prescription of a physician or dentist or by the
written permission of a parent or guardian of the individual
receiving the medication.

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18 B. School personnel who are not licensed must be trained to
administer medication. Personnel administering medication
20 must receive relevant information regarding the policies and
procedures under which they are expected to administer
22 medication.

24 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill requires unlicensed school personnel to be trained
before administering medication to students in Maine's public
28 schools and approved private schools.