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No. 1534

H.P. 1087

House of Representatives, February 25, 1999

**An Act to Facilitate the Transfer of Education Records for Students
Transferring to Another Public School.**

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 WATSON of Farmingdale.
Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland and
Representatives: BAKER of Bangor, BRENNAN of Portland, BULL of Freeport, GREEN of
Monmouth, JABAR of Waterville, LOVETT of Scarborough, NASS of Acton, NORBERT of
Portland.

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRS §6001-B is enacted to read:

§6001-B. Transfer of education records

1. Transfer of records. Upon application of a student to transfer to another school administrative unit, the school administrative unit from which the student is transferring shall provide all of the student's education records, including special education records, to the school administrative unit to which the student is seeking a transfer.

2. Notice to parents and guardians. Prior to the start of the 2000-01 school year and each school year thereafter, a school administrative unit shall send a written notice to parents or guardians of every student enrolled in the school administrative unit that education records must be sent to a school administrative unit to which a student applies for transfer. The notice provided to parents and guardians must comply with the standards of the federal Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, Public Law 93-380, as amended by Public Law 93-568.

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SUMMARY

This bill requires that all student education records, including special education records, must be forwarded to the receiving school administrative unit by the sending school administrative unit when a student transfers to a new school. The bill also requires school administrative units to send a written notice to parents and guardians before every school year indicating that records will be sent to the new school when a student applies for a transfer.