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**History and Final Disposition**

LD 387 / HP0296

An Act To Require Cursive Handwriting Instruction in Grade 3 to Grade 5. Presented by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred. Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. Public Hearing 02/14/19. Final Disposition: Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/07/19.

**Original Bill**

[LD 387 \(129th Legis. 2019\)](#)

**Analyst's Summary of Bill**

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**Committee Materials**

Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

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[Public Hearing \(committee page >> audio file\) \(LD 387\) \(EDU\) \(2/14/2019\)](#)  
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**Floor Proceedings and Debate**

[HOUSE, January 24, 2019 \(H71-82\)](#)

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[SENATE, January 24, 2019 \(S69-84\)](#)

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[HOUSE, March 7, 2019 \(H194-206\)](#)

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[SENATE, March 7, 2019 \(S225-237\)](#)

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**Reports and Other Related Documents**

[English Language Arts Steering Committee, Maine Dep't of Education. Cursive handwriting instruction : report in response to letter received from the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs relating to LD 387 \(January 2, 2020\)](#)

**News Articles**

Why cursive writing? (Heidi Sampson) (Journal Tribune, 2/15/2019, p. A5) • (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD03xx/nc129-LD-0387/Journal Tribune 190215C.pdf)

Should Maine students have to learn cursive? Some lawmakers think so (Eric Russell) (Portland Press Herald, 2/15/2019, p. A1, A8) ● (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD03xx/nc129-LD-0387/PPH 190215B.pdf)

Rep Heidi Sampson- Cursive lessons will help create better writers, readers (Heidi H. Sampson) (Kennebec Journal, 2/21/2019, p. A7) ● (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD03xx/nc129-LD-0387/KJ 190221A.pdf)

Maine kids won't be forced to take cursive handwriting lessons (Alex Acquisto) (Bangor Daily News, 2/26/2019, p. B1) ● (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD03xx/nc129-LD-0387/BDN 190226B.pdf)

Time to reverse the curse, revive cursive (John Balentine) (Forecaster, 2/28/2019, p. 6) ● (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD03xx/nc129-LD-0387/Northern Forecaster 190228D.pdf)

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