## MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# STATE OF MAINE ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

#### JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON

#### Education

#### BILL SUMMARY



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#### V. SPECIAL EDUCATION

#### A. ENACTED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SPECIAL Stevens ENACT. PL 64
EDUCATION STATUTES PROVIDING
FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S GENERAL
SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITY
FOR ALL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING FOR EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS

SUMMARY: The federal special education law requires states to establish a single line of authority for special education services. The bill gives the Department of Education general supervisory authority over the special education components of programs administered by other departments.

645 AN ACT TO AMEND SPECIAL Crouse ENACT. PL 130 EDUCATION STATUTES RELATED TO COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

SUMMARY: The statutes provide a procedure for parents and other interested parties to file complaints with the Commissioner of Education. The bill requires the commissioner to file a written report.

658 AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATUTES Diamond, G ENACT. PL 137
RELATING TO COORDINATION SERVICES FOR PRESCHOOL HANDICAPPED
CHILDREN

SUMMARY: The bill clarifies the responsibilities of the fiscal agent for the Preschool Projects for Handicapped Children.

999 AN ACT TO REMOVE THE SUPERIN- Andrews ENACT. PL 139
TENDENT OF THE GOVERNOR BAXTER
SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF FROM
CLASSIFIED SERVICE AND CLARIFY
THE LAW RELATING TO STATE
EDUCATIONAL PERSONNEL

SUMMARY: Presently, the superintendent position is classified which means it is convered by the personnel rules governing dismissal. By making the position non-classified it means the Commissioner of Education can replace the superintendent more easily.