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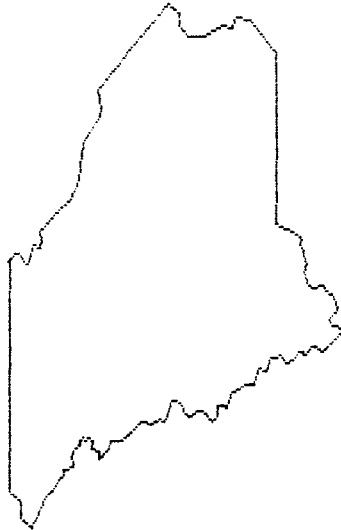


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BILL SUMMARY



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1106 AN ACT TO AMEND SPECIAL EDUCATION STATUTES PERTAINING TO THE FILING OF ALLOWABLE EXPENDITURES BY SPECIAL PURPOSE SCHOOLS, AGENCIES OR INSTITUTIONS Crouse ENACT. PL 278

SUMMARY: The bill removes the fixed filing date of July 15 and allows the State to set a reasonable date for submission.

1177 AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY AGENCY FOR THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED IN MAINE STATUTES ENACT. PL 327

SUMMARY: The bill would require the Department of Education and School Administrative Units to help the Advocates gain parental approval to see records they need to carry out studies. It would require the Department of Human Services to release necessary confidential records for investigations.

1543 AN ACT RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF A POLICY REVIEW BOARD FOR THE GOVERNOR BAXTER SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF Ketover ENACT. PL 316

SUMMARY: The policy review board replaces the previous board of visitors and it has specific responsibilities to review policies, plant, and programs at Baxter School.

1589 AN ACT TO DESIGNATE THE DIVISION OF EYE CARE AS THE AGENCY FOR THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN SERVICES TO BLIND CHILDREN Beaulieu ENACT. PL 353

SUMMARY: The financial responsibility for intenerant teachers for the blind was shifted to the Division of Special Education last year. This bill returns responsibility for funding the intenerant teachers back to the Division of Eye Care. The policy debate concerned continuity of care.

B. NOT PASSED

826 AN ACT TO PROVIDE COMPENSATION FOR DENIAL OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY Andrews QNTF

SUMMARY: The bill would have provided a mechanism for exceptional students to have a right to a free public education beyond age 20 if they could prove they had not been provided an equal educational opportunity earlier.