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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

LD: 1346 AN ACT TO ALLOW SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS RYDELL
TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO PRESCHOOL HANDICAPPED CHONKO
ND: 399 STUDENTS BROWN L

HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
GOV SIGNED

PUBLIC
CH # 487

S-356 SA PEARSON H S

SUMMARY:

The new draft made minor changes in the original bill and added a more complete Statement of Fact. The bill allows school administrative units to include the cost of preschool programs for handicapped students as part of the unit's special education costs under the School Finance Act.

In determining the costs of the programs the units could use state and federal grants as well as local money. For the school year 1985-86 a special appropriation was made to provide 100% state funding for the allowable special education costs for the programs. In subsequent years, the costs would be shared by the State and local unit in accordance with provisions of the School Finance Act.

SA-S-356: The Senate Amendment clarifies that the costs to be paid by the State in the first year are only the salaries of special education personnel and therapists. The amendment also limited the State appropriation in the first year.

LD: 1355 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THE STATE PAYMENT FOR HOLLOWAY
RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SCARPINO
STUDENTS IN THE CURRENT YEAR BUSTIN

LU-WD HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

The bill would have required the State to pay for the placement of special education students in residential programs outside the State of Maine. The State and local unit would have continued to share the cost of students placed in residential facilities within the state.