

STATE OF MAINE

—
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN

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H.P. 361 - L.D. 537

**An Act To Avoid the Inappropriate Use of Assessment Tools on Children
before Grade 3**

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4252, sub-§§7 and 8, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 548, §5, are amended to read:

7. Transition. Facilitate the transition of children from preschool programs to public school programs; ~~and~~

8. Family outreach. Provide family outreach and support programs designed to improve parent-school relations and parenting skills; and

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §4252, sub-§9 is enacted to read:

9. Early childhood statewide assessments. The use of early childhood statewide assessment tools pursuant to chapter 222 to inform instruction and to communicate effectively with parents. An early childhood statewide assessment must avoid inappropriate use of assessment information; specifically, the assessment may not result in labeling children, restricting kindergarten entry or predicting children's future academic and life success.