

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND AND ELEVEN

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H.P. 38 - L.D. 45

**An Act To Allow Marriage and Family Therapists To Provide Related Services in Public Schools**

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §7007** is enacted to read:

**§7007. Related services**

Related services must be provided by qualified individuals employed or contracted by the school administrative unit in accordance with rules adopted by the department pursuant to section 7005.

**Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §7251-A**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 395, Pt. A, §74, is amended to read:

**§7251-A. Local special education services; related services**

A school administrative unit may offer or contract for special education services. A school administrative unit may also offer or contract for related services in accordance with rules adopted by the department pursuant to section 7005.

**Sec. 3. Rules amended; marriage and family therapists.** The Commissioner of Education shall amend its rules in Chapter 101: Maine Unified Special Education Regulation Birth to Age Twenty to clarify that a person licensed as a marriage and family therapist under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, chapter 119 is qualified to:

1. Serve as a qualified evaluator for children 3 to 20 years of age as described in Section IV, subsection 2, paragraph G of the rule;
2. Provide related services to children with disabilities as described in Section XI of the rule; and
3. Serve as a qualified licensed contractor pursuant to a contract for the provision of related services to children with disabilities as described in Section XVIII, subsection 1, paragraph C, subparagraph (3), division (a) of the rule.

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In House of Representatives, ..... 2011

Read twice and passed to be enacted.

..... Speaker

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In Senate, ..... 2011

Read twice and passed to be enacted.

..... President

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Approved ..... 2011

..... Governor