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MEMORANDUM

To: Sam Leto
From: Gregory S. Nichols
Subject: Special Schools
Date: July 26, 2005

The following information is provided in response to your request of June 29 asking how many states have special schools and how many have schools for the blind.

Dr. Jeanne Prickett at Iowa School for the Deaf reports that 31 states have schools for the blind, 43 states have schools for the deaf, and 12 states have combination deaf/blind schools which are all state funded schools. There are a number of special schools in various states that are privately chartered but supported with public funding, such as the Perkins School for the Blind in Massachusetts, which serves several of the New England states. Some states, like New York, have several special schools, and only one or two are public, but the others receive public funds.

If you have any questions or need more information, please don't hesitate to contact this office.

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