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No. 185

H. P. 157

House of Representatives, January 25, 1979

Referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Prescott of Hampden.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT Relating to Juvenile Clients of the Protective Care Division of the
Department of Human Services.**

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

22 MRSA § 3861 is enacted to read:

§ 3861. Appeals process

When the Protective Care Division of the Department of Human Services determines that a juvenile is not eligible to receive specific services of the department, the division shall allow the juvenile or his representative to appeal the decision.

1. Form. The form of the procedure shall be left to the discretion of the commissioner.

2. Notification. A description of the official appeals procedure shall be published in an informational bulletin which shall be distributed to each juvenile after the initial determination of ineligibility is made.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to require that the Department of Human Services develop an appeals process for juveniles who have been denied services by the Protective Care Division. The bill also requires that the department establish an informational bulletin outlining the appeals process.