

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 2053

H. P. 1878

House of Representatives, January 22, 1976

Referred to Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hennessey of West Bath.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SIX

AN ACT to Provide Supplemental Appropriations for Summer Programs  
for Exceptional Children.

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

**Appropriation.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Educational and Cultural Services, Division of Special Education, the sum of \$500,000 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

1976-77

EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES,  
DEPARTMENT OF

Division of Special Education  
All Other

\$500,000

Supplemental appropriation for summer programs for exceptional children in order to enable exceptional children on a limited basis to participate in educational and therapeutic programming through an extension of the regular school year of 180 days, through guidelines promulgated by the Department of Educational and Cultural Services.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The Department of Educational and Cultural Services has established a residential tuition rate and room and board fee for a 9-month period of time.

However, many students, because of their severity, need intensive on-going services over a 12-month period in order to become semi- or totally self-sufficient individuals and participate in a normal life environment. The Departments of Mental Health and Corrections and Human Services support these children in order to enable a continuation of those services.

In addition, there are substantial numbers of severely handicapped children who, if not provided with a continuing educational program, will suffer considerable regression in all areas.

It is estimated that 80 - 120 children in residential programs and 380 children in day programs could be served.