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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
111TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " *A* " to H.P. 970,
L.D. 1265, Bill, "AN ACT to Provide Advocacy Ser-
vices to Residents of Children's Homes."

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 1 in
the 4th and 5th lines (page 2, lines 6 and 7 in L.D.)
by striking out the underlined words and figure "or
persons in facilities included in section 3558" and
inserting in their place the following: 'or excep-
tional students in facilities included in section
3558'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of
sections 3, 4 and 5 and inserting in their place the
following:

'Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §3553, sub-§7-A is enacted to
read:

7-A. Report to departments. Prepare periodic
reports to the Department of Corrections, Department
of Educational and Cultural Services, Department of
Mental Health and Mental Retardation and the Depart-
ment of Human Services regarding actions taken under
section 3558.

Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §3558 is enacted to read:
§3558. Application to residents in children's homes

The provisions of this chapter shall apply to
exceptional students in children's homes, emergency
shelters, family foster homes, specialized children's
homes and residential child care facilities, as those
terms are defined in section 8101, and to other resi-
dential educational facilities, including Governor

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1 Baxter School for the Deaf and other similar facili-
2 ties.

3 Sec. 5. Appropriation. The following funds are
4 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the
5 purposes of this Act.

6 1983-84 1984-85

7 EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL
8 SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

9 State Protection and Advocacy
10 Agency

11 Administration-Education

12 All Other \$29,471 \$39,294

13 Provides funds for 2
14 advocates in the
15 State Protection and
16 Advocacy Agency who
17 shall provide advo-
18 cacy services for
19 school age children
20 in state insti-
21 tutions and commu-
22 nity residential
23 settings.'

24 STATEMENT OF FACT

25 This amendment changes language in sections 2 and
26 4 to refer to exceptional students. In section 4, it
27 includes the category of specialized children's homes
28 and residential facilities such as the Governor
29 Baxter School for the Deaf. The previous provision
30 allowing unannounced visits is removed. The report
31 is now made to each named department, rather than to
32 the Interdepartmental Committee.

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1 Lastly, in the appropriation, the amount for the
2 first year of the biennium is reduced by 1/4 because
3 the program will not be in effect at the beginning of
4 the fiscal year, and an appropriation is provided for
5 the 2nd year.

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