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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1703

S.P. 586

In Senate, May 26, 1983

Reference to the Committee on Education is suggested. Ordered printed and sent up for concurrence.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Senator Pray of Penobscot.

Cosponsors: Senator Hayes of Penobscot and Representative Mitchell of Vassalboro.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Exceptional Children.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the definition of exceptional children, as enacted by the 107th Legislature, has caused confusion among school administrators in planning local school budgets and needs to be revised without delay in order to provide for the effective and efficient delivery of services to handicapped students throughout Maine; and

Whereas, in view of the Legislature's stated policy of providing equal educational opportunities to all children in the State; and

Whereas, the confusion created by the current definition may cause otherwise eligible exceptional children to be deprived of their rights to equal educational opportunities; and

1 vary depending upon the community of his residence,
2 in contravention of the state's policy of "equal edu-
3 cational opportunities" for those children.

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