

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 1916

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7 H.P. 1464

House of Representatives, January 10, 1984

8 Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint
9 Rule 26.

10 Reference to the Committee on Education is suggested and ordered
printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Benoit of So. Portland.

11 Cosponsors: Representative Locke of Sebec, Senator Hayes of Penobscot
and Representative Lisnik of Presque Isle.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR
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17 AN ACT to Allow Coordination of
18 Services to Preschool Handicapped Children
19 Below the Age of 3 Years.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §7001, sub-§ 4, ¶A, as enacted
24 by PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, is repealed.

25 Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §7703, sub-§5 is enacted to
26 read:

27 5. Coordination services. Coordination and re-
28 ferral services may be provided to preschool handi-
29 capped children below the age of 3 years.

1 STATEMENT OF FACT

2 Maine has a very effective network of local sites
3 providing and coordinating services to preschool
4 handicapped children aged 3 to 5 years. These sites
5 are continually being requested to provide referrals
6 for children aged 0 to 3 years, but are prevented
7 from doing so by a statutory age limit. This bill
8 removes that limit but also assures that only coordi-
9 nation and referral services will be provided, thus
10 eliminating any additional financial burden on the
11 sites.

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