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	ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH	LEGISLATURE
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H.P. 173	House of Rep	resentatives, January 29, 198
Refe	rence to the Committee on Judiciary su	ggested and ordered printed.
		EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Cosp	by Representative Nelson of Portland. Consored by Hoglund of Portland, Sena esentative Kimball of Buxton.	
STATE OF MAINE		
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE		
AN	ACT Concerning Child Prote	ctive Services.
Be it of	enacted by the People of th	e State of Maine as
Sec PL 1979	c. 1. 22 MRSA §4002, sub-§ 9, c. 733, §18, is amended	6, ¶B, as enacted by to read:
В.		
	r, supervision or care, i d appropriate educational	
	at deprivation causes a thr	
Sec	c. 2. 22 MRSA §4002, su	b-§10, ¶¶B and C, as
enacted	d by PL 1979, c. 733, §18,	
В.		r impairment, evi-
	nced by severe anxiety, dep	
	, untoward aggressive behav s dysfunctional behavior; e	

- 1 Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §4002, sub-§10, ¶D is enacted to 2 read: 3
 - D. Deprivation of an appropriate education.
- 4 STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill is necessary in order to clarify the Department of Human Services' responsibility for providing protective service to children whose families are unable or unwilling to assure that basic needs, including educational needs, are met. Section 1 clarifies the intent of the people of Maine that education be considered a basic need and right of all children.

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Section 3 is necessary in order to clarify the intent of the people of Maine that deprivation of an appropriate education be considered "serious harm" requiring the Department of Human Services' intervention. This reflects the important social and economic value placed on education by current social values.

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