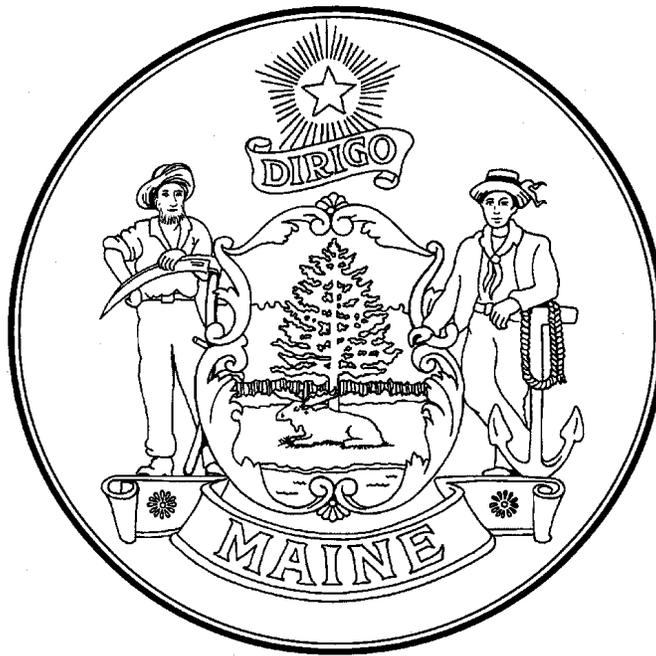


# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE  
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5 Legislative Document

No. 569

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7 S.P. 211

In Senate, February 14, 1985

8 Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and ordered printed.

9 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

10 Presented by Senator Gill of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator Brown of Washington, Senator Clark of  
Cumberland and Senator Maybury of Penobscot.

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12 STATE OF MAINE  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE  
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17 Resolve, to Address Special Education Needs  
18 of Learning Disabled Children.  
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20 Joint select committee; appointment. Resolved:  
21 That there exists a crisis in the provision of educa-  
22 tional services for learning disabled children in  
23 Maine and that a coordinated review of current educa-  
24 tional services for these children is necessary; and  
25 be it further

26 Joint Select Committee for Learning Disabled  
27 Children formed. Resolved: That there shall be  
28 formed a Joint Select Committee for Learning Disabled  
29 Children comprised of the following members:

30 1. The following members jointly appointed by  
31 the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House:

32 One representative of the State Special Education Ad-  
33 visory Committee, one representative of the Develop-  
34 mental Disabilities Council, one representative of  
35 the Parents of Learning Disabled Children, one repre-

1       representative of the Orten Dyslexia Society, one repre-  
2       sentative of the Maine Association for Children and  
3       Adults with Learning Disabilities, one representative  
4       of the Association of Directors of Services for Ex-  
5       ceptional Children, one representative of the Depart-  
6       ment of Educational and Cultural Services, one repre-  
7       sentative of the Maine Teachers Association, one rep-  
8       resentative of the State Protection and Advocacy  
9       Agency, one representative of the University of  
10      Maine-Teacher Education Program and one representa-  
11      tive of the Maine Parent Federation.

12           2. The following additional members: One member  
13      of the House of Representatives, appointed by the  
14      Speaker of the House of Representatives; and one mem-  
15      ber of the Senate, appointed by the President of the  
16      Senate; and be it further

17           **Report. Resolved:** That this Joint Select Com-  
18      mittee for Learning Disabled Children shall prepare  
19      and present a report, including any necessary legis-  
20      lation, to the Governor and the Joint Standing Com-  
21      mittee on Education no later than January 1, 1986.  
22      This report shall:

23           1. Document in-service and preservice training  
24      needs of regular and special education teachers deal-  
25      ing with learning disabled students, review current  
26      certification requirements and recommend additional  
27      training and certification requirements as may be  
28      necessary;

29           2. Review current identification and evaluation  
30      requirements and local practices and make recommenda-  
31      tions for any needed revisions in regulations or cur-  
32      rent practices;

33           3. Review the ability of current placement al-  
34      ternatives to meet the needs of learning disabled  
35      students;

36           4. Develop recommendations for coordinated  
37      state-wide approach to the identification, evaluation  
38      and instruction of learning disabled students; and be  
39      it further

