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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 732

S.P. 274

In Senate, February 27, 1985

Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Clark of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative Crouse of Caribou, Senator Gill of Cumberland and Representative Matthews of Caribou.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Assure Advocacy Services for
Children with Learning Disabilities.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

22 MRSA §3552, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1983, c. 539, §2, is further amended to read:

1. Advocacy. "Advocacy" means speaking for, pleading for, supporting, advising, espousing the rights of or interceding on behalf of persons with developmental disabilities or exceptional students in facilities included in section 3558 or learning disabled children before public or private agencies, organizations, institutions or individuals serving developmentally disabled persons or other eligible persons.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2 This bill adds children with learning disabili-
3 ties to people eligible for direct assistance from
4 the Protection and Advocacy Agency for the Develop-
5 mentally Disabled. Currently, unless a child is se-
6 verely learning disabled, he is only eligible for in-
7 formation and referral services.

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