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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk Presented by Representative CONNOLLY of Portland. Cosponsored by Senators BERUBE of Androscoggin, GAUVREAU of Androscoggin and Representative ROLDE of York.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Prevent Inappropriate 2 Institutionalization of Children. 3 4 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as 5 follows: 6 Appropriation. The following funds are appropri-7 ated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes 8 of this Act. 9 1987-88 1988-89 10 MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RE-11 TARDATION, DEPARTMENT OF 12 Bureau of Children with Special Needs 13 14 Personnel Services \$ 63,005 \$ 68,230

251,364

302,237

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All Other

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NO. 366

1 These funds continue 2 current mental health 3 consultation to 4 schools, expand autism 5 project services statewide and provide pre-6 7 school direct services 8 to already identified 9 children.

10 TOTAL

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\$314,369 \$370,467

STATEMENT OF FACT

12 Current appropriation requests for the bureau 13 would result in cuts in consultation and evaluation 14 services for children in public schools. Additional-15 ly, autism project services are not available state-16 wide and many preschool handicapped children are 17 without needed direct services.

18 Appropriation of these funds is necessary to 19 maintain children in their own homes and to support 20 local programs. Local school-based programs result 21 in considerable savings to the State and local school 22 districts.

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