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1	L.D. 449
2	(Filing No. H- 253)
3 4 5 6	STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 113TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION
7 8 9 10	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to H.P. 350, L.D. 449, Bill, "AN ACT to Implement the Recommendations of the Joint Select Committee for Learning Disabled Children."
11 12 13	Amend the bill in section 5 by striking out all of subsection 7-A and inserting in its place the following:
14 15 16 17 18	'7-A. Administration representation on evaluation team. Assure that a building level administrator or a designee of the superintendent representing the administration be present at each team meeting to evaluate and develop an appropriate education program for a student with special education needs;'
20 21 22 23 24	Further amend the bill in section 7 in subsection 4-A in paragraph C in the 3rd line (page 3, line 12 in L.D.) by inserting after the underlined word "abilities" the following: ', regardless of identified handicapping condition,'
25 26	Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:
27 28 29	'Sec. 14. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.
30	<u>1987-88</u> <u>1988-89</u>
31 32	EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
33 34	Special Education - Exceptional Children

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 350, L.D. 449

1 2 3 4	Positions Personal Services All Other Capital Expenditures	(4.0) \$63,708 4,000 4,200	(4.0) \$94,000 5,000
5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18	Provides funds for 2 professional staff and 2 clerical staff positions and related expenses. These funds shall be combined with available federal funds to implement the recommendations of the Joint Select Committee on Learning Disabled Children.		
20 21	Total	\$71,908	\$99,000

22 FISCAL NOTE

The total cost to implement the recommendations of the Joint Select Committee on Learning Disabled Children will be \$160,158 in fiscal year 1987-88 and \$216,000 in fiscal year 1988-89. General Fund appropriation of \$71,908 and \$99,000 are included in the bill. The remainder of the necessary funds are available within the current allocation of federal funds for special education. There may be additional costs to some school administrative units to comply with special education requirements which will result in additional costs to the General Fund as soon as fiscal year 1989-90, as a ret of increase in school subsidy.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

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2 The original bill proposes several changes to existing special education laws to implement the recom-3 4 mendations of the Joint Select Committee for Learning clarifies 5 Disabled Children. First, this amendment 6 the provision of the original bill requiring a build-7 level administrator to be present at the pupil 8 evaluation team meeting to allow another person des-9 ignated by the superintendent to represent the school 10 administration at the meeting.

The amendment also clarifies the criteria for approval of a school's special education plan proposed in the original bill by providing that children with different identified handicapping conditions may be served in the same program if that is compatible with the educational and behavioral needs of those students.

Finally, the amendment adds a fiscal note and appropriation to provide staff to the Division of Special Education to implement the requirements of the bill. Currently, only 2 staff people in the division are funded by state money.

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