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House of Representatives, February 13, 1991

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative KUTASI of Bridgton.

Cosponsored by Representative WENTWORTH of Arundel, Representative PENDEXTER of Scarborough and Senator TWITCHELL of Oxford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

**An Act Concerning Payment of Services for Mentally Disadvantaged
Minors.**



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

4 Sec. 1. 18-A MRSA §5-615 is enacted to read:

6 §5-615. Parents' obligation for payment for mental retardation services

8 When the Bureau of Mental Retardation has been appointed
10 public guardian or conservator for a child with mental
12 retardation under this Part, the court shall determine the amount
14 that the parents of the child can afford to pay for the child's
16 care and treatment, other than care and treatment covered under
18 Title 34-B, section 1409. In making that determination, the
20 court shall consider the child support guidelines adopted by the
22 Department of Human Services under Title 19, section 316. The
24 parents shall pay the amount determined by the court to the
26 Bureau of Mental Retardation.

28 Sec. 2. 34-B MRSA §5206 is enacted to read:

30 §5206. Payment of services for wards

32 When the bureau has been appointed public guardian or
34 conservator of a child under Title 18, article V, Part 6, the
36 child's parents are liable for the costs of care and treatment of
the child to the extent determined under Title 18-A, section
5-615.

38 STATEMENT OF FACT

40 This bill requires the court, when appointing a public
42 guardian for a mentally retarded child, to determine an amount
44 that the parents can afford to pay toward the costs of the
46 child's care and treatment, other than institutionalized care.