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L.D. 2180.

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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
115TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 856, L.D. 2180, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Laws Concerning Adoption Assistance"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 19 MRSA §541, first ¶, as amended by PL 1981, c. 57, §1, is further amended to read:

The Department of Human Services is authorized to provide adoption assistance for children in its care or custody or in the custody of a nonprofit private child-placing agency licensed to operate in the State who are legally eligible for adoption and who ~~are--physically,--mentally--or--emotionally--handicapped~~ have physical, mental or emotional disabilities or who by virtue of age, sibling relationship, race or the presence of a medical condition otherwise may might not be adopted and for whom reasonable but unsuccessful efforts have been made to place the child without adoption assistance. The Department of Human Services may, subject to rules adopted by the department and regulations of the federal Department of Health and Human Services, reimburse adoptive parents for nonrecurring expenses related to the adoption of children who have physical, mental or emotional disabilities or who by virtue of age, sibling relationship, race or presence of a medical condition otherwise might not be adopted and for whom reasonable but unsuccessful efforts have been made to place the child without such assistance. The Department of Human Services is authorized to use funds for this purpose ~~which--are~~ appropriated for child welfare services and funds under ~~Title-IV-E-and-Title-IV-B~~ of the United States Social Security Act, Titles IV-B and IV-E, subject to rules adopted by the department and regulations of the federal Department of Health and Human Services.

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**FISCAL NOTE**

6       The Department of Human Services can pay the nonrecurring  
8       expenses related to the adoption of special needs children and  
10       expand its adoption assistance program to cover special needs  
12       children in the custody of private agencies within its budgeted  
14       resources. Public Law 1991, chapter 591, Part FFF, provided a  
16       General Fund appropriation of \$140,000 in each year of the  
18       biennium to the Department of Human Services for the adoption  
20       assistance program. These funds are sufficient to meet the  
22       projected costs.'

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**STATEMENT OF FACT**

20       This amendment replaces references to "handicapped" with  
22       "disabilities." The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the  
      bill.

Reported by Senator Gill for the Committee on Human Resources.  
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