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House of Representatives, February 6, 1996

An Act to Amend the Definition of "State Agency Client."

Submitted by the Department of Education pursuant to Joint Rule 24. Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake. Cosponsored by Senator: SMALL of Sagadahoc.

	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1, sub-§34-A, as amended by PL 1993, c.
4	410, Pt. CCC, §7, is further amended to read:
6	34-A. State agency client. "State agency client" means a child of eligible school age who is:
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10	A. In the care or custody, or both, of the Department of Human Services, the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation or the Department of Corrections;
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14	B. Placed, with the recommendation of a Division of Mental Retardation case manager or an employee of the Bureau of Children with Special Needs, Department of Mental Health and
16	Mental Retardation, with a person who is not the child's parent, legal guardian or relative;
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20	C. On entrustment or absent-with-leave status from the Maine Youth Center; or
22	D. Attending a public or private school while still a resident of a state-operated institution.
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26	Notwithstanding paragraphs A to D, a "state agency client" may in addition be either a child who is under 3 years of age and has a diagnosed, established condition or a biological factor that has
28	a high probability of resulting in developmental delay or a child who is under 6 years of age and in need of early intervention of
30	special education services due to a delay in one or more of the following areas: cognitive development; physical development,
32	including vision and hearing; communication development; social or emotional development; and adaptive development.
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36	STATEMENT OF FACT
38	This bill makes the state agency client provisions of the School Finance Act of 1995 consistent with state and federal laws
40	ensuring special education and early intervention services for

children with disabilities.