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No. 1681

S.P. 555

In Senate, March 27, 1997

**An Act Regarding the Receipt of Benefits by a Child Based on a Parent's
Disability and the Calculation of Parental Support Obligations.**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule
205.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator RUHLIN of Penobscot.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §2006, sub-§5, ¶F** is enacted to read:

6 F. When a child receives social security or other benefits
8 based on the disability of a parent, the amount of
10 disability benefits received by the child must be counted as
12 payment toward the parental support obligation of the parent
14 on whose disability the benefits are based.

16 **Sec. 2. Effective date.** This Act takes effect October 1, 1997.

18 SUMMARY

20 This bill provides that, for purposes of calculating child
22 support, disability benefits received by a child based on the
24 disability of a parent must be counted towards payment of that
26 parent's parental support obligation.