

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 547

H.P. 405

House of Representatives, January 19, 1999

An Act to Restore Advocacy Services for Children with Disabilities.

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative WATSON of Farmingdale.
Cosponsored by Senator KONTOS of Cumberland and
Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, KANE of Saco, LOVETT of Scarborough,
McGLOCKLIN of Embden, O'BRIEN of Augusta, QUINT of Portland, SKOGLUND of St.
George, Senator: TREAT of Kennebec.

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

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Sec. 1. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated
4 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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1999-00

2000-01

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DISABILITY RIGHTS CENTER

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Disability Rights Center

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All Other

\$80,000

\$80,000

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Provides funds to ensure the
14 continuation of funding
16 originally provided in
16 Private and Special Law 1997,
18 chapter 84. Funds must be
20 used to provide students with
20 learning disabilities with
22 advocacy services in special
22 education matters.

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SUMMARY

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Private and Special Law 1997, chapter 84 provided the
28 Disability Rights Center, formerly Maine Advocacy Services, with
a General Fund appropriation in fiscal year 1998-99 to provide
30 advocacy services on behalf of students with learning
disabilities. This bill seeks to ensure the continuation of that
32 funding by appropriating \$80,000 in each year of the upcoming
biennium.