

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 35

S.P. 19

In Senate, January 9, 2001

**An Act Regarding the Rights of Parents and Other Family Members of
Adults with Mental Retardation.**

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services 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 MCALEVEY of York.
Cosponsored by Representative O'BRIEN of Augusta and
Representatives: ANDREWS of York, BROOKS of Winterport, MACDOUGALL of North
Berwick, MAYO of Bath, MURPHY of Berwick, SCHNEIDER of Durham, SULLIVAN of
Biddeford.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 34-B MRSA §1207, sub-§7 is enacted to read:**

6 **7. Disclosures to parents and other family members of**
8 **adults with mental retardation. Notwithstanding any other**
10 **provisions of this section, information pertaining to a client of**
12 **the department who is an adult with mental retardation must be**
14 **disclosed to a parent or other family member of the adult client**
16 **who requests that information for the purposes of prescriptive**
18 **program planning or service planning under chapter 5,**
20 **consideration of services or programs for the client, requests**
22 **for services or programs or reviews, grievances or appeals**
24 **concerning services or programs.**

SUMMARY

18 This bill provides for the disclosure of information
20 regarding an adult with mental retardation who is a client of the
22 Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance
24 Abuse Services to the client's family when requested by the
26 family member for the purposes of prescriptive program planning
or service planning under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-B,
chapter 5, consideration of services or programs for the client,
requests for services or programs or reviews, grievances or
appeals concerning services or programs.