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PUBLIC LAWS
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CHAPTER 539

H.P. 970 - L.D. 1265

AN ACT to Provide Advocacy Services to Residents of Children's Homes.

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §7202, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Assist advocates for developmentally disabled. Assist the Protection and Advocacy Agency for the Developmentally Disabled in Maine in conducting an investigation, pursuant to Title 22, section 3554, by providing access to relevant case records, notifying parents or guardians of these investigations and by requesting parental consent for access to case records by the agency. Parents or guardians may refuse to consent to the examination of these records;

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3552, sub-§1, is enacted by PL 1979, c. 553, §2, is amended to read:

1. Advocacy. "Advocacy" means speaking for, pleading for, supporting, advising, espousing the rights of or interceding on behalf of persons with developmental disabilities or exceptional students in facilities included in section 3558 before public or private agencies, organizations, institutions or individuals serving developmentally disabled persons.

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §3553, sub-§7-A is enacted to read:

7-A. Report to departments. Prepare periodic reports to the Department of Corrections, Department of Educational and Cultural Services, Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation and the Department of Human Services regarding actions taken under section 3558.

Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §3558 is enacted to read:

§3558. Application to residents in children's homes

The provisions of this chapter shall apply to exceptional students in children's homes, emergency shelters, family foster homes, specialized children's homes and residential child care facilities, as those terms are defined in section 8101, and to other resi-

dential educational facilities, including Governor Baxter School for the Deaf and other similar facilities.

Sec. 5. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1983-84 1984-85

EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

State Protection and Advocacy Agency

Administration-Education

All Other \$29,471 \$39,294

Provides funds for 2 advocates in the State Protection and Advocacy Agency who shall provide advocacy services for school age children in state institutions and community residential settings.

Effective September 23, 1983.

CHAPTER 540

S.P. 513 - L.D. 1537

AN ACT to Provide for Citizen Participation in the Decision to Construct any Nuclear Power Plant.

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

35 MRSA c. 269, sub-c. V is enacted to read:

SUBCHAPTER V

CONSTRUCTION

§3381. Findings and purpose

The Legislature finds that construction of a