

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE**

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

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Chapters 384-End

AND AT THE

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J.S. McCarthy Co., Inc.  
Augusta, Maine  
1985

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**RESOLVES**  
OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE**  
AS PASSED AT THE  
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2. Review current identification and evaluation requirements and local practices and make recommendations for any needed revisions in regulations or current practices;

3. Review the ability of current placement alternatives to meet the needs of learning disabled students;

4. Develop recommendations for coordinated state-wide approach to the identification, evaluation and instruction of learning disabled students; and be it further

Public comment. Resolved: That the committee shall hold public hearings in northern, central and southern Maine in order to secure input from interested citizens; and be it further

Staff support. Resolved: That the Department of Educational and Cultural Services shall make available staff support to assist the committee in completing its charge. The committee may request additional staff support from the Legislative Council; and be it further

Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

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| Joint Select Committee for Learning Disabled Children |               |
| Personal Services                                     | \$ 600        |
| All Other   | <u>11,500</u> |
| Total   | \$12,100      |

Effective September 19, 1985.

**CHAPTER 44**

S.P. 355 - L.D. 963

Resolve, Establishing the Maine Commission on the Role of State Government in Providing Independent Living Opportunities and Services to Disabled Persons.

Commission established. Resolved: That there is established the Maine Commission on the Role of State Government in Providing Independent Living Opportunities and Services to Disabled Persons. The commission shall examine the entire range of services provided to disabled persons in this State, explore possible new opportunities to promote independent living by disabled persons and, based upon its findings, establish priorities and recommendations for legislative action with particular attention to the following areas:

1. How independent living opportunities for disabled citizens can be expanded and enhanced at little or no cost to taxpayers;

2. How financial resources currently available to the State for providing services to disabled persons may be redistributed so that programs which foster self-determination, independent living and economic productivity can be maximized, as well as become more flexible to meet changing individual needs;

3. How combined private and public sector initiatives can stimulate economic development through the creation of independent living opportunities that focus on removing financial disincentives to disabled citizens in this State and thus reduce long-term tax supported dependency; and

4. How the various roles of State Government, private rehabilitation service agencies and client advocacy groups can be defined, enhanced and modified to provide the most appropriate service without duplication or conflict and to develop a true partnership; and be it further

Members. Resolved: That the commission shall consist of 15 members, a majority of whom are to be disabled persons. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate shall appoint one member of the Senate; the Governor shall appoint one person representing the Department of Human Services, one person representing the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation and one person representing the Department of Educational and Cultural Services; the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate shall jointly appoint 10 disabled persons who are broadly representative of the State's disabled population with particular consideration given to differing disabilities, ages and geography. Eight of the 10 disabled appointees shall be consumers of disability services, or representatives

of consumers' groups, rather than providers of those services; and be it further

Meetings, reports, staff and compensation. Resolved: That the commission shall meet at least 12 times as a committee of the whole and at such other times in subcommittees as necessary. The commission shall examine data from Maine and other states, use consultants and recognized experts as appropriate, conduct public hearings and prepare a report which shall be distributed throughout the State and submitted, together with any accompanying legislation, to the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The commission shall, at its first meeting, elect one of its members to serve as chairman. All members of the commission shall be appointed within 30 days of the effective date of this resolve, with the first meeting of the commission to take place within 45 days of the effective date.

The commission shall be provided with all necessary independent staff assistance and receive information about problems and services from all appropriate offices of State Government.

Legislative members of the commission shall receive a per diem compensation and all members shall receive compensation for travel and other necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties; and be it further

Appropriation. Resolved: That the sum of \$9,800 be appropriated from the General Fund to the legislative account in fiscal year 1986 for Maine Commission on the Role of State Government in Providing Independent Living Opportunities and Services to Disabled Persons to carry out the purpose of this resolve.

Effective September 19, 1985.

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## CHAPTER 45

H.P. 74 - L.D. 95

Resolve, Creating a Joint Select Committee on  
Economic Development.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and