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S.P. 132

In Senate, February 10, 2011

An Act To Fund Special Education Advocacy

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

Joseph G. Carleton Jr.

JOSEPH G. CARLETON, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland and

Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, CRAVEN of Androscoggin, HILL of York, KATZ of
Kennebec, Representatives: NELSON of Falmouth, ROTUNDO of Lewiston.

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

2 **Sec. 1. Funding for advocacy services for children with disabilities.** The
3 Disability Rights Center shall use the funds appropriated in accordance with section 2 to
4 provide advocacy services on behalf of children with disabilities in education-related
5 matters pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 511 and under the
6 Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000, 42 United States
7 Code, Section 15002 et seq. and 45 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1386, Subpart B.

8 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
9 allocations are made.

10 **DISABILITY RIGHTS CENTER**

11 **Disability Rights Center 0523**

12 Initiative: Appropriates funds for advocacy services for children with disabilities in
13 education-related matters.

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15	GENERAL FUND	2011-12	2012-13
16	All Other	\$137,000	\$137,000
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18	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$137,000</u>	<u>\$137,000</u>

19 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill provides an appropriation directly to the Disability Rights Center, the State's
21 designated protection and advocacy agency for persons with disabilities pursuant to the
22 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 511. These funds must be used to provide
23 advocacy services for children with disabilities in education-related matters.