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An Act To Fund Special Education Advocacy

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

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

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

DISABILITY RIGHTS CENTER

Disability Rights Center 0523

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

GENERAL FUND	2011-12	2012-13
All Other	\$137,000	\$137,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$137,000	\$137,000

SUMMARY

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