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L.D. 1415

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
112TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "*A*" to H.P. 985, L.D. 1415, Bill, "AN ACT to Encourage the Establishment of Statewide Standards for the Identification and Management of Child Abuse and Neglect."

Amend the bill in the title in the 3rd line (page 1, line 19 in L.D.) by striking out the word "Identification" and inserting in its place the word 'Identification'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA c. 1071, sub-c. IX is enacted to read:

SUBCHAPTER IX

HOSPITAL BASED SUSPECTED CHILD

ABUSE AND NEGLECT COMMITTEES

§4081. Purpose

The purpose of this subchapter is to encourage the implementation of statewide standards to be developed by the Department of Human Services and participating hospitals for the identification and management of child abuse and neglect cases presented at hospitals by providing financial support for the establishment of Hospital Based Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect Committees.

§4082. Definitions

As used in this subchapter, unless the context

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1 indicates otherwise, the following terms have the
2 following meanings.

3 1. Case plan prescription. A "case plan pre-
4 scription" means an action plan developed by the fam-
5 ily support team.

6 2. Family support teams. "Family support teams"
7 means specialized teams of professionals evaluating
8 children who are victims of physical abuse and ne-
9 glect as defined in section 4002. Evaluations shall
10 include a family diagnosis and recommendations for
11 treatment and follow-up.

12 3. Protocols. "Protocols" means procedures de-
13 veloped for the interaction of the Suspected Child
14 Abuse and Neglect Committee and Family Support Team.

15 4. Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect Committee.
16 "Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect Committee" means
17 an official standing committee of the hospital com-
18 prised of professionals representing public and pri-
19 vate community agencies, hospital departments and the
20 Department of Human Services who are directly in-
21 involved in providing services to victims of child
22 abuse and their families.

23 §4083. Hospital based Suspected Child Abuse and Ne-
24 glect Committees

25 Hospitals may establish a Suspected Child Abuse
26 and Neglect Committee and Family Support Team under
27 this subchapter. The committee shall meet regularly
28 to provide the ongoing development and monitoring of
29 the specialized family support teams and the approval
30 of protocols. These hospitals shall serve as a re-
31 source to other institutions desiring to form such a
32 program.

33 The Family Support Team shall be coordinated by a
34 team manager. Specialized teams shall be available
35 to evaluate children who are the victims of abuse and

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1 neglect. The cost of the team manager shall be paid
2 for by the Department of Human Services.

3 The Family Support Team shall provide a
4 multi-disciplinary approach for suspected child
5 abuse cases which are initially identified in hospi-
6 tal emergency rooms, inpatient pediatric departments
7 and ambulatory clinics. The child protective staff
8 of the Department of Human Services shall participate
9 on the teams. The team shall report immediately to
10 the department as required in section 4011.

11 The team shall review the nature, extent and se-
12 verity of abuse or neglect and the needs of the child
13 and other family members. The team shall develop a
14 case plan prescription for the treatment, management
15 and follow-up of the child abuse victims and their
16 families. The case plan prescription shall be signed
17 by the family support team chairman and the Depart-
18 ment of Human Services staff person after team recom-
19 mendations are received.

20 §4084. Report

21 The department shall evaluate the implementation
22 of this subchapter and report to the joint standing
23 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
24 human resources no later than February 15, 1987.

25 §4085. Sunset

26 This subchapter is repealed October 1, 1987.

27 Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are
28 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the
29 purposes of this Act.

	<u>1985-86</u>	<u>1986-87</u>
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	<u>HUMAN SERVICES,</u>	
	<u>DEPARTMENT OF</u>	

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1	Purchased Social Services		
2	All Other	\$108,375	\$135,500
3	Fund team managers		
4	positions up to		
5	\$20,000 per hospital		
6	through the RFP pro-		
7	cess.		

8 STATEMENT OF FACT

9 This amendment clarifies the functions and proce-
10 dures of the hospital based child abuse and neglect
11 committees. The amendment also corrects the appro-
12 priation. The amendment also requires a report to
13 the Legislature and repeals this Act on October 1,
14 1987.

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