

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 203

H.P. 162 House of Representatives, February 3, 1987
Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested
and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative ROLDE of York.
Cosponsored by Representative KIMBALL of Buxton.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

1 AN ACT to Continue Statewide Standards for
2 the Identification and Management of
3 Child Abuse and Neglect.
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5 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
6 follows:

7 Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4082, sub-§1, as enacted by PL
8 1985, c. 500, is amended to read:

9 1. Case plan prescription. A "case plan pre-
10 scription" means an a written action plan developed
11 by the family support team.

12 Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §4083, last ¶, as enacted by PL
13 1985, c. 500, is amended to read:

1 The team shall review the nature, extent and se-
2 verity of abuse or neglect and the needs of the child
3 and other family members. The team shall develop a
4 case plan prescription for the treatment, management
5 and follow-up of the child abuse victims and their
6 families. The If requested by any single member of
7 the team the case plan prescription shall be signed
8 by the family support team chairman and the Depart-
9 ment of Human Services staff person after team recom-
10 mendations are received.

11 Sec. 3. 22 M RSA §4085, as enacted by PL 1985, c.
12 441, §3, c. 500 and as amended by PL 1985, c. 667,
13 §3, is repealed.

14 Sec. 4. Appropriation. The following funds are
15 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the
16 purposes of this Act.

	<u>1987-88</u>	<u>1988-89</u>
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18	<u>HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF</u>	
19	All Other	\$245,000 \$245,000

20 These funds are
21 given on a contract
22 basis to hospitals
23 participating in
24 the Suspected Child
25 Abuse and Neglect
26 Program.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2 This bill repeals the section of the so-called
3 "SCAN Team Law", Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect,
4 Team Law which repeals the law on October 1, 1987.
5 Upon passage, the law would continue indefinitely.
6 The Legislation provides for a multi-disciplinary ap-
7 proach for suspected child abuse cases which are ini-
8 tially identified in hospital emergency rooms,
9 in-patient pediatric departments and ambulatory clinics.
10 Family support teams review the nature, extent
11 and severity of abuse or neglect and the needs of the
12 child and other family members. The team develops a
13 case plan prescription for the treatment, management
14 and follow-up of child abuse victims and their fami-
15 lies.

16 The family support teams are complemented by sus-
17 pected child abuse and neglect committees which are
18 established by hospitals participating in the pro-
19 gram. The committees meet regularly to provide
20 on-going development and monitoring of the family
21 support teams. The support teams are coordinated by
22 a team manager who is paid by the Department of Human
23 Services.

24 The program was first funded in fiscal year 1986
25 and has been successfully implemented in up to 11
26 hospitals.

27 The bill also amends the law in 2 additional re-
28 spects, first by requiring the case plan prescription
29 be signed if requested by any single member of the
30 family support team. This last change will provide
31 for some flexibility in local practice, while still
32 recognizing that, in order to move toward statewide
33 standards, the signing of the plan may, at times, be
34 necessary.

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