

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 315

In Senate, March 25, 1987

Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate  
Presented by Senator GAUVREAU of Androscoggin.  
Cosponsored by Representative CARROLL of Gray,  
Representative DIAMOND of Bangor, Representative MURPHY of  
Kennebunk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT Relating to the Administration of the  
2 Maine Children's Trust Fund.  
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4 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
5 follows:

6 22 MRSA §4085, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1985, c.  
7 667, §3, is further amended to read:

8 2. Limit on disbursements. The board may ~~net~~  
9 expend the first \$100,000 of income to the fund each  
10 year, ~~except that \$42,825 may be expended from the~~  
11 ~~fund in 1985-87 biennium to further the purposes of~~  
12 ~~this chapter, with a minimum of 40% of the first~~  
13 ~~\$100,000 to be disbursed as grants.~~ The board may  
14 expend one One half of the amount of income each year  
15 which exceeds \$100,000, but which does not exceed  
16 \$500,000 shall be set aside for the development of

1 the trust fund. The board may expend the remainder  
2 in accordance with the duties set out in section  
3 4084. The board may not expend the amount of income  
4 each year which exceeds \$500,000. For purposes of  
5 this section, income includes interest attributed to  
6 the fund pursuant to Title 36, section 5285. When  
7 the total amount of the fund reaches \$4,000,000, con-  
8 tributions to the fund shall cease, as provided in  
9 Title 36, section 5285, and the expenditures by the  
10 board shall be limited to the amount of interest  
11 credited annually to the fund.

12 STATEMENT OF FACT

13 The Maine Children's Trust Fund was established  
14 in 1985 in order to provide a mechanism for Maine  
15 taxpayers to voluntarily contribute to the establish-  
16 ment of programs designed to prevent abuse, neglect  
17 and mental illness among Maine children. It is,  
18 therefore, essential that prevention programs be  
19 funded as soon as possible. This bill allows the im-  
20 mediate use of the first \$100,000 taken in by the  
21 trust fund, with not less than 40% of this money to  
22 be used as grants for prevention programs. Fifty per  
23 cent of funds over \$100,000 will be placed in the  
24 trust fund in order to preserve the Legislature's in-  
25 tent that the trust fund will eventually be  
26 self-sufficient. The remaining 50% will be expended  
27 by the board in carrying out the duties assigned by  
28 the Legislature in the Maine Revised Statute, Title  
29 22, section 4084. Among other things, the board will  
30 review and evaluate existing prevention programs,  
31 provide for the coordination and exchange of informa-  
32 tion, award grants, provide statewide educational and  
33 public information.

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