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In Senate, March 15, 1989

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BERUBE of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative FOSS of Yarmouth, Representative COLES of Harpswell and Representative WEBSTER of Cape Elizabeth.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Reorganize the Duties of the Board of the Maine Children's Trust Fund.



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

3 22 MRSA §3724, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 402, Pt. A, §142,
is amended to read:

5 §3724. Duties
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9 The board shall have the following powers and duties.

11 ~~1. Plan. The board shall develop an annual, biennial state~~
~~plan for the distribution of money in the fund and distribute~~
~~money in accordance with that plan. In developing the plan, the~~
13 ~~board shall:~~

15 ~~A. Review and evaluate existing prevention programs;~~

17 ~~B. Assure that an equal opportunity exists for the~~
~~establishment of prevention programs and receipt of fund~~
19 ~~money among all geographic areas in the State; and~~

21 ~~C. Submit the plan to the Legislature annually.~~

23 ~~2. Exchange of information. The board shall provide for~~
~~the coordination and exchange of information on the establishment~~
25 ~~and maintenance of prevention programs.~~

27 3. Criteria for awarding grants. The board shall develop
rules and publicize criteria for awarding grants to eligible
29 organizations.

31 4. Grants. The board shall review applications for grants
and shall approve applications which it considers best address
33 the purposes of the fund.

35 5. Review. The board shall review, approve and monitor the
expenditure of grants awarded pursuant to this chapter.

37 ~~6. Education. The board shall provide statewide education~~
~~and public information to develop public awareness concerning~~
39 ~~child abuse, neglect and mental illness.~~

41 7. Contracts. The board may enter into contracts with
43 public or private agencies or accept any grants or gifts from any
federal, state or private source to carry out this chapter.

45 8. Recommendations. The board shall may make
47 recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature concerning
changes in state laws, rules, programs or policies which will
49 reduce the problem of child abuse, neglect and mental illness and
improve coordination among agencies that provide prevention
51 services.

1 9. Rules. The board shall promulgate rules, in accordance
3 with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter
375, to carry out this chapter.

5 ~~10. Staff. The board may employ a full-time executive
7 director and a clerical assistant to serve at the pleasure of the
board. The executive director and clerical assistant shall not
9 be subject to the Civil Service Law.~~

11 ~~A. The executive director shall be a person with knowledge
and experience in:~~

13 ~~(1) Writing grants and grant applications;~~

15 ~~(2) Child neglect and child abuse programs;~~

17 ~~(3) Review and evaluation of programs; and~~

19 ~~(4) Supervising employees and implementing policies.~~

21 11. Staff. The Department of Human Services shall provide
23 the board with staff. The department shall be reimbursed in an
amount up to \$20,000 per year.

25 12. Report. The board shall submit a report on an annual
27 basis to the Legislature. The first report shall be submitted on
February 15, 1991.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

33 This bill proposes to make better use of the Maine
35 Children's Trust Fund by putting most of its resources into
community-based programs that provide services directly to
37 children in need. The bill does this by eliminating duties which
others are performing and changing the ratio of money spent on
39 staff from approximately 60% to 20%.

41 This bill amends the duties of the Board of the Maine
Children's Trust Fund by eliminating the need for an annual plan,
43 by eliminating the mandatory exchange of information, by
eliminating the provision of statewide education and public
45 information and by eliminating the staff. The bill mandates that
staffing for the board will be provided by the Department of
47 Human Services to be reimbursed in an amount up to \$20,000 per
year.