

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, December 13, 1989

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 13, 1989. Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and 1600 ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative KILKELLY of Wiscasset.

Cosponsored by Representative ROLDE of York, Representative GWADOSKY of Fairfield and Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

An Act to Create a Statewide Coordination Office for Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect Teams.



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

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4 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§36-A** is enacted to read:

6 36-A. Human Maine Suspected Expenses 22 MRSA
Services Child Abuse and Only §4094
8 Neglect Council

10 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §4092, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

12 1-A. Council. "Council" means the Maine Suspected Child
Abuse and Neglect Council as authorized by section 4094.

14 **Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §4094** is enacted to read:

16 §4094. Maine Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect Council

18 1. Council established. Pursuant to Title 5, section
12004-I, subsection 36-A, the Maine Suspected Child Abuse and
Neglect Council is established to coordinate a statewide program
for the identification and management of suspected child abuse
and neglect cases through hospital-based committees that are
authorized in this subchapter. The council is a body politic and
a public instrumentality of the State.

26 2. Membership. The council shall be composed of 2
representatives from each of the hospital-based suspected child
abuse and neglect committees in the State. Each hospital-based
committee shall designate its 2 representatives who shall serve
on the council at the pleasure of that committee.

32 3. Rule-making authority. The council may adopt rules in
accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5,
chapter 375, to carry out its responsibilities.

36 4. Meetings. The council shall meet at least once a year.
Special meetings shall be held as determined necessary by the
council. The minutes of all proceedings of the council shall be
a public record available and on file in the office of the
council. Members of the council shall be compensated according
to Title 5, chapter 379.

42 5. Budget; financing. The council shall prepare and adopt
a biennial budget for presentation to the Governor and the
Legislature as a request for appropriations sufficient to carry
out its responsibilities. The council may accept contributions
of any type from any source to assist in carrying out its
responsibilities and to make arrangements regarding the
administration of these funds, if required as a condition
precedent to the receipt of these funds, by the Federal
Government or any other source.

2 6. Executive director; staff. The council may employ an
3 executive director who shall be the principal administrative and
4 executive employee of the council. The executive director may
5 hire staff to carry out the responsibilities for the coordination
6 of all affairs of the council including, but not limited to, the
7 training and education of volunteers, health care professionals
8 and the general public. The executive director is also
9 responsible for advocacy on behalf of hospital-based suspected
10 child abuse and neglect committees throughout the State. The
11 executive director may obtain office space, goods and services as
12 required to carry out these responsibilities.

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

15 **1990-91**

16 **MAINE SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE**
17 **AND NEGLECT COUNCIL**

18 **Maine Suspected Child Abuse**
19 **and Neglect Council**

20 All Other \$50,000

21 Provides funds for an executive director and
22 part-time secretary to carry out the
23 statewide work of the Maine Suspected Child
24 Abuse and Neglect Council.

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27 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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29 This bill establishes the Maine Suspected Child Abuse and
30 Neglect (SCAN) Council. The council, composed of members
31 representing hospital-based suspected child abuse and neglect
32 teams, will coordinate a statewide program for the identification
33 and management of suspected child abuse and neglect cases. Funds
34 are appropriated in the bill to fund the positions of executive
35 director of the council and a part-time secretary.

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