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In Senate, January 5, 1990

Submitted by the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Joy J. O'Brien'.

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GILL of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative MANNING of Portland, Senator TITCOMB of Cumberland and Representative FOSS of Yarmouth.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

An Act to Change the Name of the Committee for the Interdepartmental
Coordination of Services to Children and Families.



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

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34-B MRSA §1214, as repealed and replaced by PL 1989, c.
4 502, Pt. B, §44, is amended to read:

6 **§1214. Interdepartmental Council**

8 1. **Establishment.** The ~~Committee-for-the~~ Interdepartmental
9 ~~Coordination-of-Services-to-Children-and-Families~~ Council is
10 established.

12 2. **Purpose.** It is the intent of the Legislature to
13 encourage the coordination of policies and programs for Maine
14 children and families.

16 3. **Membership.** The ~~committee~~ council shall be composed of
17 4 5 members: The Commissioner of Corrections; Commissioner of
18 Educational and Cultural Services; Commissioner of Human
19 Services; and Commissioner of Mental Health and Mental
20 Retardation; and Director of the Division of Community Services.

22 4. **Goals of the council.** The goals of the ~~committee~~
23 council shall be:

24 A. To encourage a statewide system of coordinated services,
25 which are responsive to the current needs of children and
26 families and which are delivered by a partnership of public,
27 private and nonprofit state level and community based
28 agencies, and to promote access to services by all children
29 and their families who are in need of these services;

32 B. To evaluate on a continuing basis the allocation of
33 resources to ensure the availability of quality services
34 delivered in a coordinated and efficient manner that is
35 consistent with the needs of children and families; and

36 C. To continue the development of a comprehensive and
37 coordinated approach to initiation and revision of policy
38 affecting services to children and families.

40 5. **Meetings.** The ~~committee~~ council shall meet on a regular
41 basis.

44 6. **Chair.** The ~~committee~~ council shall select a chair from
45 among ~~the-4-commissioners~~ its members and the chair shall serve
46 for a term established by the ~~committee~~ council.

48 7. **Subcommittees.** The ~~committee~~ council may appoint
49 subcommittees to carry out its work. Subcommittee membership may
50 include representatives of public and private agencies which
serve youth and families and other persons with special knowledge

of, responsibility for or interest in an area related to the goals of the committee council.

8. **Report.** The committee council shall report annually to the Legislature on its progress in meeting the goals cited in subsection 4 and its proposals for implementing these same goals in the forthcoming year.

9. **Administration.** The costs associated with the committee council shall be shared among the members of the committee council. Nothing in this section may be construed to prohibit a member department or division from assigning its employees to serve as staff to the committee council. The Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation shall serve as fiscal agent for the committee council.

10. **Authorization to accept funds.** The Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation may accept, on behalf of the committee council, funds from the Federal Government, from any political subdivision of the State or from any individual, foundation or corporation and may expend these funds for purposes which are consistent with this section.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill changes the name of the Committee for the Interdepartmental Coordination of Services to Children and Families to the Interdepartmental Council and adds the Director of the Division of Community Services to the membership. The Interdepartmental Council is the common name for this committee and is consistent with other statutes.