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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.

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

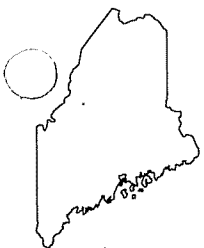
Presented by Representative SMALL of Bath.

Cosponsored by Representative HOLT of Bath, Senator CAHILL of Sagadahoc and Senator CLARK of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

**An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Military and Naval
Children's Home.**



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

4 Sec. 1. 34-B MRSA §6253, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 503, §12,
is repealed.

6 Sec. 2. 34-B MRSA §6253-A is enacted to read:

8 §6253-A. Bath Children's Home

10 1. Chief administrative officer. The chief administrative
12 officer of the Bath Children's Home shall be the director.

14 A. The commissioner shall, with the advice of the Board of
Visitors, appoint and set the salary for the director.

16 B. The director shall be appointed for an indefinite term
18 and shall serve at the pleasure of the commissioner until a
qualified successor is appointed.

20 C. In order to qualify for appointment as the director, a
22 person must have sufficient education and experience to
24 administer a facility providing services to children in need
of treatment.

26 2. Duties of the director. The director shall:

28 A. Be responsible for the shelter, care and related
30 services of all persons received into or receiving services
from the Bath Children's Home; and

32 B. Have direct supervision, management and control of the
34 grounds, buildings, property, officers and employees of the
Bath Children's Home, subject to the approval of the
commissioner.

36 3. Purpose. The purpose of the Bath Children's Home is to
38 provide shelter and care for children of this State who are in
need for one or more of the following reasons:

40 A. Lack of appropriate alternative shelter and care;

42 B. Potential or actual abuse and neglect; or

44 C. Family crisis and upheaval.

46 4. Veterans' preference. Preference in admission to the
48 Bath Children's Home must be given to the children of veterans of
this State who have served in wars in which the United States has
been involved.

50 5. Educational or vocational training programs. Any child
52 in residence at the Bath Children's Home who, upon reaching legal

2 age, is a participant in an educational or vocational training
4 program, the interruption or cessation of which will be caused by
6 discharge from the home, may, with the approval of the director,
8 voluntarily elect to remain in residence at the home until all or
10 part of the educational or vocational training program is
12 completed.

8 6. Board of visitors. There is established a Board of
10 Visitors for the Bath Children's Home to provide advice and
12 direction to the director concerning the effective and efficient
14 management of the home in coordination with long-range missions
16 and priorities of the bureau.

14 A. The board shall consist of the following 9 members:

16 (1) A representative from law enforcement or juvenile
18 corrections;

20 (2) A representative from the Bath community;

22 (3) The Bath Elementary School principal or a
24 comparable school official;

26 (4) A representative from an alcohol treatment center;

28 (5) Three citizens from outside the Bath area;

30 (6) A designee of a veterans' organization; and

32 (7) One member appointed from the Department of Human
34 Services, Division of Child and Family Services.

36 B. The Commissioner of Human Services shall appoint the
38 member from the Division of Child and Family Services and
40 the Commissioner of Mental Health and Metal Retardation
42 shall appoint the remaining members of the board.

44 C. Members shall be appointed for no longer than 3-year
46 terms.

48 D. Terms of members must be staggered in such a way that no
50 more than 3 terms expire in any one year.

52 E. The board is responsible for:

(1) Assisting in the development of policies and
48 programs regarding the operation of the home;

50 (2) Monitoring the progress made in reaching annual
52 objectives established by the director of the home; and

(3) Continuing oversight of the home, its programs and
policies.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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6 This bill changes the name of the Military and Naval
8 Children's Home to the Bath Children's Home, clarifies the
10 appointment and duties of the director, provides new membership
to the Board of Visitors and repeals the reporting provision
which presently requires annual review by the Joint Standing
Committee on Audit and Program Review.