

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 114th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 938

In Senate, March 1, 1990

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

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 GAUVREAU of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative MANNING of Portland, Representative CARROLL of Gray and Senator GILL of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

**An Act to Encourage Local and Regional Health Planning and Provide Research and Technical Assistance Related to Responsibilities of the Maine Health Policy Advisory Council.**



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

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3           **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §19104**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 498, §2 and  
4 c. 542, Pt. C, §§2 and 3, is amended to read:

6       **§19104. Studies and reports**

8           The council may conduct or commission studies and reports on  
9 health policy matters. When distributing requested copies of  
10 council reports, the council may charge requestors for reasonable  
11 costs incurred in producing and mailing the copies of those  
12 reports.

14           **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §19108**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 498, §2 and  
15 c. 542, Pt. C, §§2 and 3, is amended to read:

16       **§19108. Staff**

18           The council shall employ an executive director, a  
19 comprehensive health planner II and a clerk typist ~~II~~ III. The  
20 council may employ additional staff as needed.

22           **Sec. 3. Local and regional health planning.** The Department of  
23 Human Services, Bureau of Health, Division of Health Planning,  
24 shall encourage and support local and regional health planning  
25 projects. The goal of these projects is to promote active  
26 participation by consumers, providers, educators, business and  
27 public officials, and other interested parties in reforming,  
28 establishing and reestablishing health care systems that meet  
29 community needs.

32           The department shall work actively with representatives of  
33 such groups to encourage and facilitate grant applications to  
34 local, state and national granting agencies.

36           The Maine Health Policy Advisory Council and the Division of  
37 Health Planning shall provide technical advice to regional groups  
38 in the areas of preliminary organization, logistics, health  
39 resources inventories, intergovernmental relations and other  
40 areas as needed.

42           The Maine Health Policy Advisory Council and the Division of  
43 Health Planning shall submit a report to the Joint Standing  
44 Committee on Human Resources by December 1, 1993. The report  
45 must be a progress report on the number of local or regional  
46 groups involved in planning efforts.

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49   **STATEMENT OF FACT**

50           This bill encourages health planning at the local level.

2           The bill also allows the Maine Health Policy Advisory Council to hire additional staff as needed and charge for the expense of producing and mailing reports.