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STATE OF MAINE  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 957, L.D. 2421, Bill, "An Act Regarding the Administration of the Maine Children's Trust Fund"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3724, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 402, Pt. A, §142, is amended to read:

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

- A. Review and evaluate existing prevention programs;
- B. ~~Assure~~ Ensure that an equal opportunity exists for the establishment of prevention programs and receipt of fund money among all geographic areas in the State; and
- C. Submit the plan annually to the joint standing committee of the Legislature annually having jurisdiction over health matters and a copy to the Office of the Executive Director of the Legislative Council.

Sec. 2. 22, MRSA §3724, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 402, Pt. A, §142, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §3724, sub-§§3 to 5, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 402, Pt. A, §142, are amended to read:

3. Criteria for awarding grants. The board shall develop ~~rules~~ criteria for awarding grants and, through its designated contractor, ~~publicize the criteria for--awarding--grants--to~~ publicize the criteria for awarding grants to eligible organizations.

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4. Grants. The board shall review applications for grants with the assistance of its designated contractor and shall approve applications which that it considers best address the purposes of the fund.

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

Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §3724, sub-§§6 and 10, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 402, Pt. A, §142, are repealed.

Sec. 5. 22 MRSA §3725, as amended by PL 1987, c. 769, Pt. A, §76, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§3725. Disbursement of fund money

The board shall disburse funds in accordance with the following procedures.

1. Board expenses. The board may disburse up to \$1,000 annually for its expenses.

2. Fund administration. The board shall enter into a contract with a statewide public foundation created to attract, manage and distribute charitable funds. The fee paid to the foundation may not exceed 10% of the fund's annual income. The contract must provide for management of the fund and annual disbursements in accordance with the following provisions.

A. At least 1/3 of the first \$100,000 of income, 1/2 of the income that exceeds \$100,000 but does not exceed \$500,000 and all income that is in excess of \$500,000 must be set aside for the development of the fund. When the fund reaches \$4,000,000, income tax check-off contributions to the fund must cease, in accordance with Title 36, section 5285, and disbursements are limited to the amount of interest earned by the fund.

B. Fifteen percent of the income remaining after the provisions of paragraph A are met must be disbursed to the child abuse and neglect councils in each county, with each council receiving a prorated share based on the population of that council's county.

C. Income remaining after the provisions of paragraphs A and B are met may be disbursed to prevention programs in accordance with the plan developed by the board under section 3724, subsection 1.

