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Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec

Cosponsored by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake and Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act to Ensure Community Participation in Substance Abuse Programs and Planning.



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

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3 Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §20005, sub-§6, ¶¶A and B, as enacted by PL
4 1989, c. 934, Pt. A, §3, are amended to read:

6 A. Administer all contracts with community service
7 providers for the delivery of alcohol and drug abuse
8 services; and

10 B. Establish operating and treatment standards, and inspect
11 and issue certificates of approval for drug abuse treatment
12 facilities or programs, including residential treatment
13 centers, pursuant to section 20024.1

14 Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §20005, sub-§6, ¶¶C and D are enacted to read:

16 C. Ensure community participation by funding regional
18 alcohol councils to assist in the development of
20 comprehensive state plans, the review of the effectiveness
22 of existing policies and services, the identification of
24 unmet needs, the review of and comment on proposed grants
26 and contracts, the increase of public awareness and
28 participation, the supply of general reference information
and advocacy for individuals in need of assistance. The
director shall ensure that councils are funded in a manner
that recognizes local differences in cost and travel
distances and allows equal provision of services in each
geographic area; and

30 D. Ensure funding to the Maine affiliate of the National
32 Council on Alcoholism for educational, informational and
legislative functions.

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36 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

38 The regional alcohol councils of Maine and the Maine
40 affiliate of the National Council on Alcoholism are currently
42 required to participate in licensing and oversight boards and to
44 serve on the Maine Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention
and Treatment, yet are not established in the statutes. In
addition, some councils are funded at substantially lower levels
than others without consideration for actual needs.

46 This bill adds language that requires the State to fund the
48 regional councils and the Maine affiliate of the National Council
on Alcoholism and to base funding levels on identified needs and
costs.