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H.P. 1050

House of Representatives, April 16, 1991

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative CARROLL of Gray.

Cosponsored by Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland and Representative RUHLIN of Brewer.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**An Act to Establish Interdepartmental Coordination and a
Comprehensive Delivery System of Services for Persons who Have
Sustained Traumatic Head Injury.**

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

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Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§49-B is enacted to read:

<u>49-B.</u>	<u>Advisory Com-</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>22 MRSA</u>
<u>Human</u>	<u>mittee on Head</u>	<u>Only</u>	<u>§3090</u>
<u>Services</u>	<u>Injury</u>		

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3089 is enacted to read:

§3089. Advisory Committee on Head Injury

The Advisory Committee on Head Injury, established by Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 49-B, shall act as an advisory group to the Legislature and the Governor in assessing present programs, planning future programs and developing means to meet the needs of the State citizens who have sustained traumatic head injury.

1. Membership. The Advisory Committee on Head Injury consists of the following 12 members:

A. Two members from the House of Representatives, one appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one appointed by the Governor;

B. Two members from the Senate, one appointed by the President of the Senate and one appointed by the Governor;

C. Two representatives from families of persons who have sustained traumatic head injury, appointed by the Maine Head Injury Foundation;

D. Two persons who have sustained traumatic head injury, appointed by the Maine Head Injury Foundation;

E. Two providers of head injury rehabilitative services, appointed by the Maine Head Injury Foundation;

F. The chair of the Interdepartmental Council on Head Injury; and

G. One representative of the Maine Head Injury Foundation.

2. Terms. Legislative members shall serve during their legislative terms and all other members shall serve for a term of 3 years. Members shall continue to serve until their successors are appointed.

3. Compensation. Members are entitled to compensation according to Title 5, chapter 379.

2 4. Chair. The committee shall select a chair from among
its members and the chair shall serve for a term established by
4 the committee.

6 5. Meetings. The committee shall meet at least 4 times a
year at regular intervals.

8 6. Reports. The committee shall report to the Legislature
and the Governor annually.

10 Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §3090 is enacted to read:

12 §3090. Interdepartmental Council on Head Injury

14 1. Council established. The Interdepartmental Council on
16 Head Injury is established to encourage the coordination of
policies and programs for individuals of the State who have
18 sustained traumatic head injury.

20 2. Membership. The council consists of 10 members:

22 A. The Director of the Bureau of Medical Services;

24 B. The Director of the Bureau of Rehabilitation;

26 C. The Director of the Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services;

28 D. The Director of the Bureau of Mental Health;

30 E. The Director of the Bureau of Mental Retardation;

32 F. The Director of the Bureau of Health;

34 G. The Director of the Maine State Housing Authority;

36 H. The Director of the Division of Special Education;

38 I. The Director of the Division of Program, Analysis and
Development; and

40 J. The Director of the Maine Head Injury Foundation.

42 3. Goals of the council. The goals of the council are:

44 A. To encourage a statewide system of coordinating services
46 that are responsive to the current needs of persons with
traumatic head injury and their families and that are
48 deliverable by a partnership of public, private and
nonprofit state and community-based agencies and to promote
50 access to services for all persons with traumatic head
injury and their families who are in need of these services;
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2 B. To evaluate on a continuing basis the allocation of
4 resources to ensure the availability of quality services
6 delivered in a coordinated and efficient manner that is
8 consistent with the needs of persons with traumatic head
10 injury and their families; and

12 C. To continue the development of a comprehensive and
14 coordinated approach to initiation and revision of policy
16 affecting services for persons with traumatic head injury
18 and their families.

20 4. Meetings. The council shall meet on a regular basis.

22 5. Chair. The council shall select a chair from among its
24 members and the chair shall serve for a term established by the
26 council.

28 6. Subcommittees. The council may appoint subcommittees to
30 carry out its work. Subcommittee membership may include
32 representatives of public and private agencies that serve youth
34 and families and other persons with special knowledge of,
36 responsibilities for or interest in an area related to the goals
38 of the council.

40 7. Report. The council shall report annually to the
42 Legislature on its progress in meeting the goals cited in
44 subsection 4 and its proposal for implementing these same goals
46 in the coming year.

48 8. Administration. The costs associated with the council
50 must be shared among the members of the council. Nothing in this
52 section may be construed to prohibit a member department or
54 division from assigning its employees to serve as staff to the
56 council. The Department of Human Services shall serve as fiscal
58 agent for the council.

60 9. Authorization to accept funds. The Department of Human
62 Services may accept, on behalf of the council, funds from the
64 Federal Government, from any political subdivision of the State
66 or from any individual, foundation or corporation and may expend
68 these funds for purposes that are consistent with this section.

70 Sec. 4. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated
72 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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2	Personal Services	\$880	\$880
	All Other	2,700	2,700
4	Provides funds for the per		
6	diem for legislative members		
8	and expenses for all members		
	of the Advisory Committee on		
	Head Injury.		
10	DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES		
12	TOTAL	<u>\$3,580</u>	<u>\$3,580</u>

14 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

16 This bill establishes the Interdepartmental Council on Head
18 Injury and the Advisory Committee on Head Injury to develop an
20 efficient comprehensive delivery system that maximizes existing
services and creates new services to meet the needs of people
with traumatic head injury.