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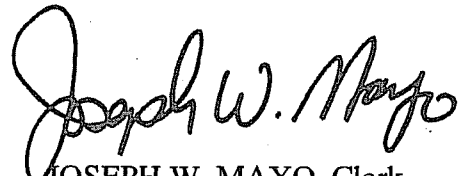
H.P. 795

House of Representatives, March 30, 1993

**An Act to Promote Stronger Interdepartmental Cooperation.**

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

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative JOSEPH of Waterville.

Cosponsored by Senators: CIANCHETTE of Somerset, HANDY of Androscoggin.



2 1. Coordination; access. To promote a statewide system of  
3 coordinated and accessible services that are responsive to the  
4 current needs of children and their families and are delivered by  
5 a partnership of public and private agencies;

6 2. Allocation of resources. To evaluate on a continuing  
7 basis whether the allocation of resources for children and their  
8 families promotes effective and efficient delivery of services  
9 and to propose reallocation of resources when necessary to meet  
10 these goals; and

11 3. Collaboration. To promote collaboration among the  
12 public and private agencies that provide services to children and  
13 their families.

14 **§3605. Meetings**

15 The council shall meet at the call of the director or any 3  
16 members. The council shall meet at least monthly.

17 **§3606. Committees**

18 The director of the council may appoint committees to carry  
19 out the council's work. Committee membership may include  
20 representatives of public and private agencies that serve  
21 children and their families and other persons with special  
22 knowledge of, responsibility for or interest in an area related  
23 to the goals of the council.

24 **§3607. Administration**

25 1. Budget. When the Governor submits the budget for the  
26 Executive Department, the budget of the council must be included  
27 as a distinct item. The council may accept funds from the  
28 Federal Government, any political subdivision of the State or any  
29 individual, foundation or corporation and may expend the funds to  
30 carry out the goals of the council.

31 2. Staff. The council may hire staff or consultants and  
32 may enter into contracts as funding permits. Any member agency  
33 may assign its employees to serve as staff to the council.

34 **§3608. Repeal**

35 This chapter is repealed on September 1, 1995. The joint  
36 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over  
37 human resources matters shall conduct a review of the council  
38 before September 1, 1995.

39 **Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §203, sub-§1, ¶¶F and G, as amended by PL**  
40 **1989, c. 414, §3, are further amended to read:**

- 2 F. Director, Planning and Management Information; and  
4 G. Federal and State Education Program Coordinator; and.

6 **Sec. 5.** 20-A MRSA §203, sub-§1, ¶H, as enacted by PL 1989, c.  
414, §3, is repealed.

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10 **Sec. 6.** 20-A MRSA §7802, sub-§§5 and 6, as enacted by PL 1989,  
c. 899, §4, are amended to read:

12 **5. Interdepartmental council.** "Interdepartmental council"  
14 means the ~~Committee for the~~ Interdepartmental Coordination ~~of~~  
16 ~~Services to Children and Families as~~ Council established by Title  
34-B, ~~section 1214~~ 5, chapter 333.

18 **6. Commissioners.** "Commissioners" means the ~~Commissioner~~  
20 ~~of Human Services, the Commissioner of Mental Health and Mental~~  
22 ~~Retardation, the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural~~  
24 ~~Services, the Commissioner of Labor and the Commissioner of~~  
26 ~~Corrections~~ members of the Interdepartmental Council as described  
in Title 5, section 3602.

28 **Sec. 7.** 34-B MRSA §1214, as amended by PL 1991, c. 780, Pt.  
DDD, §21, is repealed.

30 **Sec. 8. Transition.** The Interdepartmental Council as created  
32 by this Act is the successor to the former Interdepartmental  
34 Council created by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-B,  
36 section 1214. All forms, licenses, contracts and agreements  
38 pertaining to the former Interdepartmental Council are  
40 transferred to the successor Interdepartmental Council.  
42 Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, all accrued  
assets, balances or appropriations, allocations, transfers,  
revenues or other available funds in an account or subdivision of  
an account of the former Interdepartmental Council are  
transferred to the successor Interdepartmental Council. All  
records, property and equipment of the former Interdepartmental  
Council are transferred to the current Interdepartmental  
Council. Any rules adopted by the former Interdepartmental  
Council remain in effect until amended by the successor  
Interdepartmental Council.

44 **Sec. 9. Legislative intent.** It is the intent of the Legislature  
46 that the Interdepartmental Council created in the Maine Revised  
48 Statutes, Title 5, chapter 333 be established within existing  
appropriated resources for the current Interdepartmental Council  
established in Title 34-B, section 1214.

50 **Sec. 10. Effective date.** This Act takes effect October 1, 1993.

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## STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill abolishes the existing Interdepartmental Council and creates a new Interdepartmental Council within the Executive Department. The goals of the council include promoting a statewide system of coordinated and accessible services that are responsive to the needs of children and their families and to promote collaboration among private and public agencies providing such services. The new council is chaired by a member of the Governor's staff who has authority to make decisions when the council can not come to agreement.

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