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S.P. 267

In Senate, February 6, 1997

**An Act to Require Legislative Confirmation of the Director of the Office
of Substance Abuse.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BENOIT of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Representative: WINGLASS of Auburn.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 34-B MRSA §1204, sub-§2, ¶C**, as amended by PL 1995, c.
691, §3, is further amended to read:

6 C. The commissioner shall appoint the following officials
8 to serve at the commissioner's pleasure:

- 10 (1) Associate Commissioners;
- 12 (2) Superintendent, Augusta Mental Health Institute;
- 14 (3) Superintendent, Bangor Mental Health Institute;
- 16 (4) Superintendent, Pineland Center;
- 18 (5) Director, Mental Retardation Facility;
- 20 (6) Director, Elizabeth Levinson Center;
- 22 (7) Assistant to the Commissioner for Public
Information;
- 24 (8) Assistant to the Commissioner; and
- 26 (10) Regional Directors, who shall report directly to
the commissioner; ~~and~~ .
- 28 ~~(11) Director, Office of Substance Abuse.~~

30 ~~The Director of the Office of Substance Abuse must be~~
32 ~~reviewed by the joint standing committee of the Legislature~~
34 ~~having jurisdiction over human resource matters prior to~~
~~taking office.~~

36 **Sec. 2. 34-B MRSA §1220** is enacted to read:

38 **§1220. Director, Office of Substance Abuse**

40 The Governor shall appoint the Director of the Office of
42 Substance Abuse, subject to review by the joint standing
44 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and
human services matters and to confirmation by the Senate, to
serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

48 **SUMMARY**

50 The bill changes the position of Director of the Office of
Substance Abuse from an office appointed by the Commissioner of

2 Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to
an office appointed by the Governor subject to confirmation by
the Legislature.