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No. 1225

S.P. 366

In Senate, February 25, 1997

An Act to Amend the Maine Children's Trust Incorporated.

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services 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 CLEVELAND of Androscoggin.

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

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Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3881, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 600, Pt. A, §16, is amended to read:

4. Income. "Income" means annual contributions made to the fund through the income tax checkoff ~~and any other sources.~~

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3883, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 600, Pt. A, §16, is amended to read:

2. Membership. The board consists of at least 17 members, appointed as follows:

A. One Senator, appointed by the President of the Senate for a 2-year term served concurrently with the legislative term;

B. One Representative, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives for a 2-year term served concurrently with the legislative term;

C. Four members of the Maine Association of Child Abuse and Neglect Councils, selected by that association. Of the initial appointees, one is appointed for a one-year term, one is appointed for a 2-year term and 2 are appointed for 3-year terms. After the initial appointments, appointees are appointed for 3-year terms;

D. Two representatives of the Department of Human Services appointed by the Commissioner of Human Services. One member must be a senior policy-making official and the other must be a line manager with several years of experience in child abuse and neglect. Of the initial appointees, one is appointed for a 2-year term and the other is appointed for a 3-year term. After the initial appointments, appointees are appointed for 3-year terms; and

E. Nine members of the public and the business community.

(1) Three members must be appointed by the Governor. Of the initial appointees, one is appointed for a one-year term, one is appointed for a 2-year term and one is appointed for a 3-year term. After the initial appointments, appointees are appointed for 3-year terms.

(2) Three leaders from the business community must be appointed by the Maine Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Of the initial appointees, one is appointed for a one-year term, one is appointed for a 2-year term

2 and one is appointed for a 3-year term. After the
initial appointments, appointees are appointed for
3-year terms.

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6 (3) ~~Three~~ At least 3 members must be elected by
majority vote of the board. Of the initial appointees,
8 one is appointed for a one-year term, one is appointed
for a 2-year term and one is appointed for a 3-year
10 term. After the initial appointments, appointees are
appointed for 3-year terms.

12 The public members may include representatives of the
14 following groups: parents; persons under the age of 21; the
business and labor communities; the legal community; the
16 religious community; and providers of child abuse and
neglect prevention services.

18 **Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §3885, sub-§3, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 1993, c.
600, Pt. A, §16, is repealed.

20 **Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §3885, sub-§4,** as enacted by PL 1993, c. 600,
22 Pt. A, §16, is amended to read:

24 **4. Discretion.** The board has sole discretion in the use of
resources from sources other than the income tax checkoff by
26 individuals ~~and federal grants pursuant to subsection 3.~~

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30 **SUMMARY**

32 The purpose of this bill is to amend the Maine Children's
Trust Incorporated laws to provide the Maine Children's Trust
with greater flexibility in its ability to fund child abuse and
34 neglect prevention programs throughout the State.

36 The board membership requirements are revised to set 17
members as the minimum. The board will have the ability to elect
38 additional members by majority vote.

40 The definition of "income" is amended to exclude funds
received from sources other than the tax checkoff. Restrictions
42 on the use of federal grant funds are eliminated.