

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 1381

S.P. 435

In Senate, March 5, 1997

**An Act to Provide Training in Sudden Infant Death Syndrome to  
Emergency Response Personnel.**

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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 KILKELLY of Lincoln.  
Cosponsored by Representative MITCHELL of Portland and  
Senators: AMERO of Cumberland, DAGGETT of Kennebec, PARADIS of Aroostook,  
RAND of Cumberland, Representatives: KONTOS of Windham, MAYO of Bath, PIEH of  
Bremen, TOWNSEND of Portland.

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §9001 sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3. Sudden infant death syndrome training. The Maine Fire Training and Education Program must include the training course developed by the Department of Human Services under Title 22, section 5331.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA c. 1479 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 1479

TRAINING PROGRAMS

§5331. Sudden infant death syndrome training

The department, in consultation with experts in the field of sudden infant death syndrome, shall develop a training course on the nature of sudden infant death syndrome and the handling of cases involving the sudden deaths of infants. The training course is intended to be given to law enforcement officers, emergency medical services persons and firefighters.

1. Trainees. The department shall cooperate with the Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy, the Emergency Medical Services' Board and the President of the Maine Technical College System, or the president's designee, to ensure that the training course meets the needs of the trainees.

2. Course components. The training course must:

A. Inform trainees of the nature of sudden infant death syndrome, including its signs and typical history;

B. Include information on community resources available to assist families and child care providers; and

C. Include guidelines and procedures to be followed in investigating or responding to cases involving sudden infant death syndrome.

3. Review. The department shall periodically review and modify the training course curriculum in consultation with the Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy, the Emergency Medical Services' Board and the President of the Maine Technical College System.

4. Fees. The department may charge a fee to individual trainees to cover the cost of instruction and training.

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Sec. 3. 25 MRSA §2804-C, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Sudden infant death syndrome training. Basic training requirements under this section include the training course developed by the Department of Human Services under Title 22, section 5331.

Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §85, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Sudden infant death syndrome training. Minimum requirements for initial licensing and relicensing under this section include the training course developed by the Department of Human Services under Title 22, section 5331.

### SUMMARY

This bill requires a training course in sudden infant death syndrome as part of the Maine Fire Training and Education Program administered by the President of the Maine Technical College System, as a basic training requirement for law enforcement officers to be administered by the Maine Criminal Justice Academy and as part of the minimum licensing and relicensing requirements for emergency medical services persons. The bill requires the Department of Human Services to develop the course.