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In Senate, February 9, 1999

An Act to Improve the Accountability of the Maine Children's Trust and to Explicitly Include High-quality Child Care as an Integral Part of its Mission.

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 LONGLEY of Waldo.
Cosponsored by Representative MAYO of Bath and
Representatives: BAKER of Bangor, SKOGLUND of St. George.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3881, sub-§6,** as enacted by PL 1993, c. 600,
Pt. A, §16, is amended to read:

6 **6. Prevention programs.** "Prevention programs" means
7 programs, plans or training associated with the primary
8 prevention of child abuse and neglect and the promotion of
9 high-quality child care.

10 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3884, sub-§1, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 1993, c.
12 600, Pt. A, §16, is amended to read:

14 A. Review and evaluate existing prevention programs,
15 including high-quality child care options;

16 **Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §3884, sub-§3, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 1993, c.
18 600, Pt. A, §16, is amended to read:

20 B. Build the leadership capacity of public and private
21 sector individuals and institutions regarding prevention
22 programs and prevention policies and the importance of
23 high-quality child care in all children's early years; and

24 **Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §3884, sub-§5,** as enacted by PL 1993, c. 600,
26 Pt. A, §16, is amended to read:

28 **5. Criteria for awarding grants.** Publicize criteria and
29 review applications for grants and award those grants to
30 recipients that best address the purposes of this chapter and
31 submit to the Legislature the list of both successful and
32 unsuccessful applicants along with reasons for and against the
33 applicants;

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35 **SUMMARY**

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37 **38** This bill includes quality child care as an integral part of
39 the overall statewide goals and objectives for child abuse
40 prevention activities of the Maine Children's Trust
41 Incorporated. This bill expands the definition of prevention
42 programs to include the promotion of high-quality child care and
43 it requires that the names of both the successful and
44 unsuccessful applicants for the trust's grants be submitted to
the Legislature.