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S.P. 220

In Senate, February 11, 2003

An Act To Obtain Substance Abuse Services for Minors

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 ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §20043, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 1991, c. 601,
§20, is further amended to read:

6 1. **Voluntary basis.** People Except as provided in section
8 20044-A, people must be treated on a voluntary basis.

10 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §20044-A** is enacted to read:

12 **§20044-A. Services for minors**

14 The office shall provide services for a minor upon request
16 of the minor or the minor's parent. If services are provided
18 upon request of the parent, the level of service must be at least
as intensive as the level of services provided on a voluntary
basis under section 20043, subsection 1 as appropriate to the
individual minor.

20 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill allows the Department of Behavioral and
24 Developmental Services to provide alcohol and drug treatment
26 services to a minor on the request of the parent or the minor.
It requires services provided upon request of the parent to be as
28 intensive as services provided voluntarily, as appropriate to the
minor.