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H.P. 1349

House of Representatives, December 24, 2019

**An Act Regarding the Recommendations of the Federal Traumatic
Brain Injury State Partnership Program Concerning the
Membership of the Acquired Brain Injury Advisory Council**

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 20, 2019. Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich.
Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and
Representatives: BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, INGWERSEN of Arundel, MEYER of Eliot,
STOVER of Boothbay.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 34-B MRSA §19001, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 239, §2, is
3 amended to read:

4 **4. Membership.** The commissioner shall appoint ~~46~~ 25 persons to serve as
5 members of the council and shall annually appoint one person to serve as chair. Members
6 serve 2-year terms. Members must represent the following persons and interests:

7 A. ~~Two~~ Five members with acquired brain injuries must represent persons with
8 acquired brain injuries;

9 B. ~~Two~~ Five members must represent families of persons with acquired brain
10 injuries;

11 C. Two members must represent advocates for persons with acquired brain injuries;

12 D. Five members must represent providers of services to persons with acquired brain
13 injuries; ~~and~~

14 E. Five members must represent state agencies with expertise in the areas of
15 education, employment, prevention of brain injuries, homelessness, corrections and
16 services to veterans. Members of the council who represent state agencies serve ex
17 officio, without the right to vote, and shall provide data, information and expertise to
18 the council;

19 F. One member must represent an aging and disability resource center;

20 G. One member must represent a center for independent living; and

21 H. One member must be the long-term care ombudsman under Title 22, section
22 5107-A or a representative of the long-term care ombudsman.

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill expands the membership of the Acquired Brain Injury Advisory Council
25 who are persons with acquired brain injury or family caregivers to 50% of the voting
26 membership of the council and adds representatives from the long-term care ombudsman
27 program, an aging and disability resource center and a center for independent living.