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Employee participation in the program shall be voluntary. Employees who wish to consult with a program counselor shall be granted administrative leave without loss of pay or benefits. The employee may use authorized accumulated leave, or leave without pay, for assistance by an outside resource.

§1395. Funds

The Department of Human Services shall receive and disburse funds made available to the program and the Commissioner of Human Services shall oversee the implementation and administration of the program. Funds made available to the department for the purposes of this chapter, from any source, shall not lapse, but shall be carried forward to the next fiscal year to be expended for the same purpose.

§1396. Confidentiality of client records

No records of the indentity, assessment, diagnosis, prognosis, referral or treatment of a client of the program may be maintained in the personnel records of individuals who participate in the program. Any such records which are maintained in connection with the performance of functions of the program shall be confidential.

Sec. 2. Report. The Director of the State Employee Assistance Program and the Commissioner of Finance and Administration or his designee shall conduct a study of the program and report their findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on State Government no later than January 1, 1986.

The study shall include the total number of users of the program, the number of users by departments or agencies of State Government, the methods by which the users learned about the program or came into contact with the program and alternative funding proposals for implementing the program.

Effective September 19, 1985.

CHAPTER 374

S.P. 312 - L.D. 801

AN ACT to Amend the Law Relating to Deputy Sheriffs, Appointments and Removal.

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

30 MRSA §951, 2nd ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1981, c. 394, §4, is amended to read:

Deputies shall be originally appointed for a probationary period of not more than 6 months and thereafter may be appointed or reappointed for a term of 3 years. Failure of a sheriff to reappoint a deputy, except for appointment at expiration of the probationary period, shall be subject to the procedures and standards for dismissal of an applicable collective bargaining agreement.

Effective September 19, 1985.

CHAPTER 375

S.P. 427 - L.D. 1184

AN ACT to Establish an Information and Referral Service for Medically Indigent Victims of Rape, Gross Sexual Misconduct, Incest or Sexual Abuse.

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

22 MRSA §3186 is enacted to read:

§3186. Medical and social services referral service

The department shall establish and maintain an information and referral service for medically indigent persons who become pregnant as a result of rape, gross sexual misconduct, incest or sexual abuse. The information and referral service shall include a list of medical and social services available from state and private sources, including, but not limited to, counseling services, shelter, maternal health care, a list of physicians who have voluntarily agreed to provide to Medicaid eligible victims, pro bono, medical services not available from Medicaid and other applicable medical or social services.

This information shall also be made available to rape crisis centers, family planning agencies and other appropriate organizations.

