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**STATE OF MAINE**

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## CHAPTER 500

H.P. 985 - L.D. 1415

AN ACT to Encourage the Establishment of  
Statewide Standards for the  
Identification and Management of  
Child Abuse and Neglect.

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

22 MRSA c. 1071, sub-c. IX is enacted to read:

### SUBCHAPTER IX

#### HOSPITAL BASED SUSPECTED CHILD

#### ABUSE AND NEGLECT COMMITTEES

##### §4081. Purpose

The purpose of this subchapter is to encourage the implementation of statewide standards to be developed by the Department of Human Services and participating hospitals for the identification and management of child abuse and neglect cases presented at hospitals by providing financial support for the establishment of Hospital Based Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect Committees.

##### §4082. Definitions

As used in this subchapter, unless the context indicates otherwise, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. Case plan prescription. A "case plan prescription" means an action plan developed by the family support team.

2. Family support teams. "Family support teams" means specialized teams of professionals evaluating children who are victims of physical abuse and neglect as defined in section 4002. Evaluations shall include a family diagnosis and recommendations for treatment and follow-up.

3. Protocols. "Protocols" means procedures developed for the interaction of the Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect Committee and Family Support Team.

4. Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect Committee. "Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect Committee" means

an official standing committee of the hospital comprised of professionals representing public and private community agencies, hospital departments and the Department of Human Services who are directly involved in providing services to victims of child abuse and their families.

§4083. Hospital based Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect Committees

Hospitals may establish a Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect Committee and Family Support Team under this subchapter. The committee shall meet regularly to provide the ongoing development and monitoring of the specialized family support teams and the approval of protocols. These hospitals shall serve as a resource to other institutions desiring to form such a program.

The Family Support Team shall be coordinated by a team manager who shall be hired by the participating hospital. Specialized teams shall be available to evaluate children who are the victims of abuse and neglect. The cost of the team manager shall be paid for by the Department of Human Services.

The Family Support Team shall provide a multi-disciplinary approach for suspected child abuse cases which are initially identified in hospital emergency rooms, inpatient pediatric departments and ambulatory clinics. The child protective staff of the Department of Human Services shall participate on the teams. The team shall report immediately to the department as required in section 4011.

The team shall review the nature, extent and severity of abuse or neglect and the needs of the child and other family members. The team shall develop a case plan prescription for the treatment, management and follow-up of the child abuse victims and their families. The case plan prescription shall be signed by the family support team chairman and the Department of Human Services staff person after team recommendations are received.

§4084. Report

The department shall evaluate the implementation of this subchapter and report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over human resources no later than February 15, 1987.

§4085. Sunset

This subchapter is repealed October 1, 1987.

Effective September 19, 1985.

**CHAPTER 501**

H.P. 453 - L.D. 654

AN ACT to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1985, June 30, 1986, and June 30, 1987.

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

**PART A**

Sec. 1. Supplemental appropriations from the General Fund. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the departments listed the following sums.

	<u>1985-86</u>	<u>1986-87</u>
<u>AGING, MAINE COMMITTEE ON</u>		
Maine Committee on Aging Positions	(-1)	(-1)
Personal Services	\$ (18,304)	\$ (19,116)
Deletes funds for a home-based care position mistakenly given to the Maine Committee on Aging in the Second Regular Session of the 111th Legislature.		
Maine Committee on Aging All Other	3,000	
Capital Expenditures	6,247	
Provides funds for Consumer Guide to Medigap Insurance printing; innovative nursing home support projects; data processing equipment;		