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CHAPTER 667

H.P. 1566 - L.D. 2211

AN ACT Concerning the Allocation of Certain
Operating Costs of the Administration
of the Maine Children's Trust Fund.

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4084, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 441, §3 and c. 500, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§4084. Duties

The board shall have the following powers and duties.

1. Plan. The board shall develop an annual, biennial state plan for the distribution of money in the fund and distribute money in accordance with that plan. In developing the plan, the board shall:

A. Review and evaluate existing prevention programs;

B. Assure that an equal opportunity exists for the establishment of prevention programs and receipt of fund money among all geographic areas in the State; and

C. Submit the plan to the Legislature annually.

2. Exchange of information. The board shall provide for the coordination and exchange of information on the establishment and maintenance of prevention programs.

3. Criteria for awarding grants. The board shall develop rules and publicize criteria for awarding grants to eligible organizations.

4. Grants. The board shall review applications for grants and shall approve applications which it considers best address the purposes of the fund.

5. Review. The board shall review, approve and monitor the expenditure of grants awarded pursuant to this chapter.

6. Education. The board shall provide statewide education and public information to develop public awareness concerning child abuse, neglect and mental illness.

7. Contracts. The board may enter into contracts with public or private agencies or accept any grants or gifts from any federal, state or private source to carry out this chapter.

8. Recommendations. The board shall make recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature concerning changes in state laws, rules, programs or policies which will reduce the problem of child abuse, neglect and mental illness and improve coordination among agencies that provide prevention services.

9. Rules. The board shall promulgate rules, in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375, to carry out this chapter.

10. Staff. The board may employ a full-time executive director and a clerical assistant to serve at the pleasure of the board. The executive director and clerical assistant shall not be subject to the Personnel Law.

A. The executive director shall be a person with knowledge and experience in:

- (1) Writing grants and grant applications;
- (2) Child neglect and child abuse programs;
- (3) Review and evaluation of programs; and
- (4) Supervising employees and implementing policies.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §4084-A is enacted to read:

§4084-A. 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.

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §4085, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 441, §3, is amended to read:

2. Limit on disbursements. The board may not expend the first \$100,000 of income to the fund each

year; except that \$42,825 may be expended from the fund in 1985-87 biennium to further the purposes of this chapter. The board may expend one half of the amount of income each year which exceeds \$100,000, but which does not exceed \$500,000. The board may not expend the amount of income each year which exceeds \$500,000. For purposes of this section, income includes interest attributed to the fund pursuant to Title 36, section 5285. When the total amount of the fund reaches \$4,000,000, contributions to the fund shall cease, as provided in Title 36, section 5285, and the expenditures by the board shall be limited to the amount of interest credited annually to the fund.

Sec. 4. PL 1985, c. 441, §5 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Sec. 5. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from the Maine Children's Trust Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1986-87

MAINE CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND

<u>Positions</u>	(2)
<u>Personal Services</u>	\$37,825
<u>All Other</u>	4,000
<u>Capital Expenditures</u>	<u>1,000</u>
 <u>Total</u>	 <u>\$42,825</u>

Provides funds to employ a full-time executive director and clerical assistant and to reimburse board members for eligible expenses they have incurred.

Effective July 16, 1986.

CHAPTER 668

S.P. 861 - L.D. 2175

AN ACT to Continue Use of Computer Match Programs to Determine Eligibility of Public Assistance Recipients.