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Services; Commissioner of Human Services; ~~and~~ Commissioner of Mental Health and Mental Retardation; and Director of the Division of Community Services.

4. Goals of the council. The goals of the ~~committee~~ council shall be:

A. To encourage a statewide system of coordinated services, which are responsive to the current needs of children and families and which are delivered by a partnership of public, private and nonprofit state level and community based agencies, and to promote access to services by all children and their families who are in need of these services;

B. To evaluate on a continuing basis the allocation of resources to ensure the availability of quality services delivered in a coordinated and efficient manner that is consistent with the needs of children and families; and

C. To continue the development of a comprehensive and coordinated approach to initiation and revision of policy affecting services to children and families.

5. Meetings. The ~~committee~~ council shall meet on a regular basis.

6. Chair. The ~~committee~~ council shall select a chair from among ~~the 4 commissioners~~ its members and the chair shall serve for a term established by the ~~committee~~ council.

7. Subcommittees. The ~~committee~~ council may appoint subcommittees to carry out its work. Subcommittee membership may include representatives of public and private agencies which serve youth and families and other persons with special knowledge of, responsibility for or interest in an area related to the goals of the ~~committee~~ council.

8. Report. The ~~committee~~ council shall report annually to the Legislature on its progress in meeting the goals cited in subsection 4 and its proposals for implementing these same goals in the forthcoming year.

9. Administration. The costs associated with the ~~committee~~ council shall be shared among the members of the ~~committee~~ council. Nothing in this section may be construed to prohibit a member department or division from assigning its employees to serve as staff to the ~~committee~~ council. The Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation shall serve as fiscal agent for the ~~committee~~ council.

10. Authorization to accept funds. The Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation may accept, on behalf of the ~~committee~~ council, funds from the Federal Government, from any political subdivision of the State or from any individual, foundation or corpo-

ration and may expend these funds for purposes which are consistent with this section.

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CHAPTER 730

S.P. 833 - L.D. 2141

An Act to Amend Spinal Screening Laws

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

20-A MRSA §6452, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, is amended to read:

A. The school board of school administrative units shall require that students in the public schools be screened to determine if any student has a postural defect. The screening shall be performed by personnel who are approved by the Commissioner of Human Services for this purpose. Screening for postural defects shall be performed ~~at least once annually in grades 5 to 8~~ as specified in the rules promulgated by the Department of Human Services.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 731

H.P. 1609 - L.D. 2225

An Act Concerning Investigation of Allegations by the Office of Advocacy

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

Sec. 1. 34-B MRSA §1205, sub-§1, as repealed and replaced by PL 1989, c. 7, Pt. N, §3, is amended to read:

1. Establishment. The Office of Advocacy is established within the department solely to investigate the claims and grievances of clients of the department, to investigate with the Department of Human Services, as appropriate, all allegations of adult and child abuse in state institutions and to advocate on behalf of clients for compliance by any institution, other facility or agency administered, licensed or funded by the department with all laws, administrative rules and institutional and other policies relating to the rights and dignity of clients.

Sec. 2. 34-B MRSA §1205, sub-§3, ¶B, as repealed and replaced by PL 1989, c. 7, Pt. N, §3, is amended to read:

B. Intercede on behalf of these clients with officials of the institutions, facilities and agencies administered, licensed or funded by the department,