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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES BILL SUMMARY



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LD: 1383

AN ACT TO FUND COMMUNITY RESPONSE PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IN MAINE COMMUNITIES

BRODEUR CARROLL

OTP-AM

HOUSE Held in Committee

SENATE Recommended to Human Resources

GOV

H-388 CA

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SUMMARY:

This bill sought to provide an additional 2,500 hours of community mental health treatment resources to the over 1,200 new cases of sexual abuse expected to be reported in fiscal year 1985 and fiscal year 1986. It assisted in setting up community self-help and volunteer groups to assist professionals in treatment intervention; victims in recovering from the trauma of sexual abuse; and perpetrators, during and after the judicial system has taken its course, in learning socially acceptable behaviors and productive life skills.

The committee amendment (H-388) reduced the number of program locations from 8 to 2, one rural and one urban, and added an appropriation and allocation.

This bill, as amended, was referred back to the Human Resources Committee and held-over.

LD:

1384 AN ACT CONCERNING EMPLOYMENT OF CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS IN CONTACT WITH CHILDREN

STEVENS P ALLEN MELENDY BOST

OTP-AM HOUSE Enacted SENATE Enacted GOV Held to next session

H-389 CA H S H-391 CA BRODEUR

H-392 CA BRODEUR

H-421 HA NELSON H S

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this bill was to require that any person employed to transport children in any day care facility, nursery school, kindergarten or elementary or secondary school must submit an affidavit concerning any operating under the influence convictions during the preceding 5 years. Anyone with a conviction during that time would have been prohibited from that employment.

The committee amendment (H-389) required that any person employed to transport children in any day care facility, nursery school, kindergarten or elementary or secondary school must submit a certified copy of his driving record showing convictions or adjudications concerning operating under the influence during the preceding 3 years. House amendment "A" (H-421) amended the bill to ensure that anyone currently employed by contract in such a capacity on the effective date of this Act is not automatically fired. The bill still required notification within 10 days of that persons's driving record.

The two House amendments to Committee Amendment "A" were not adopted. House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-391) would have replaced the committee amendment and required that any person employed to transport children in any day care facility, nursery school, kindergarten or elementary or secondary school must submit a certified copy of his driving record showing any operating under the influence convictions during the preceding 3 years. If the record shows a conviction or adjudication of an operating under the influence, he is required to attend the driver education and evaluation program of the Department of Human Services. House Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-392) also sought to replace the committee amendment and would have required that any person employed to transport children in any day care facility, nursery school, kindergarten or elementary or secondary school must submit a copy of his driving record showing any operating under the influence convictions during the preceding 3 years.

LD:	1390	AN ACT TO HELP IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF CHILD CARE						CLARK N BUSTIN		
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SUMMARY:

This law creates an Office of Child Care Coordination and a Child Care Advisory Committee to provide a focused coordinated effort to address child care issues in Maine.

The responsibilities of the office include:

- 1. Maintaining an inventory of child care information;
- 2. Providing public education on becoming better consumers of child care;