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An Act To Establish a Private Support Organization for the Maine Commission for Community Service

Submitted by the Maine Commission for Community Service pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative McLEAN of Gorham.
Cosponsored by Senator KATZ of Kennebec and
Representatives: POULIOT of Augusta, TURNER of Burlington, Senator: SAVIELLO of
Franklin.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §7505** is enacted to read:

3 **§7505. Private support organization**

4 **1. Designation of private support organization.** The executive director of the
5 commission, with the consent of the voting members of the commission, shall designate a
6 nonprofit corporation as the private support organization for the commission. The
7 nonprofit corporation must be incorporated under the laws of this State and for purposes
8 that are consistent with the goals, objectives, programs, responsibilities and functions of
9 the commission.

10 The commission's private support organization must be organized and operated
11 exclusively to receive, hold, invest and administer property and funds and to make
12 expenditures to and for the benefit of the commission.

13 **2. Board of directors.** A member of the private support organization's board of
14 directors may not also be a member of the commission. The executive director of the
15 commission, or the executive director's designee, shall serve as a nonvoting ex-officio
16 member of the private support organization's board of directors.

17 **3. Scope of work.** The private support organization shall operate under a
18 memorandum of understanding negotiated annually by the commission that outlines a
19 plan of work consistent with the purposes and goals of the commission and shall submit
20 an annual budget for review and approval by the commission by June 1st.

21 The memorandum of understanding must further stipulate the reversion to the
22 commission, or to the State if the commission ceases to exist, of money and property held
23 in trust by the private support organization if the private support organization is no longer
24 designated by the commission pursuant to subsection 1.

25 **4. Use of property.** The commission may authorize the private support organization
26 to use the commission's facilities, equipment and other property, except money, in
27 keeping with the purposes of the private support organization.

28 **SUMMARY**

29 This bill directs the Maine Commission for Community Service to designate a
30 nonprofit corporation as the private support organization for the commission to support
31 the commission's work. The private support organization would be formed exclusively to
32 receive, hold, invest and administer property and funds and to make expenditures to and
33 for the benefit of the commission.