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STATE OF MAINE  
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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 1076, L.D. 2679, Bill, "An Act to Establish the Council on Children and Families and to Ensure the Continuation of the Governor's Children's Cabinet"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** a statewide system of coordinated educational and social systems is necessary to respond to the current needs of children and families; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of sections 1 to 3.

Further amend the bill in section 6 in that part designated "~~§19121.~~" in subsection 2 by striking out all of paragraphs A and B and inserting in their place the following:

'A. The President of the Senate shall appoint 3 members from the Senate. When making the appointments, the

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2 President of the Senate shall give preference to members  
4 from the joint standing committees of the Legislature having  
jurisdiction over criminal justice matters, education and  
cultural affairs and health and human services matters; and

6 B. The Speaker of the House shall appoint 4 members from  
8 the House of Representatives. When making the appointments,  
10 the Speaker of the House shall give preference to members  
12 from the joint standing committees of the Legislature having  
jurisdiction over criminal justice matters, appropriations  
and financial affairs, education and cultural affairs and  
health and human services matters.'

14 Further amend the bill in section 6 in that part designated  
16 "~~§19121.~~" in subsection 2 by inserting at the end a new blocked  
paragraph to read:

18 'Terms of appointment for Legislators must be for the legislative  
20 term of office of the person appointed.'

22 Further amend the bill in section 6 in that part designated  
24 "~~§19123.~~" by striking out all of the first indented paragraph and  
inserting in its place the following:

26 'The council shall meet at least 3 times a year and shall  
28 report by December 31st of each year to the Governor, the  
30 Children's Cabinet established in chapter 439, the Legislature  
32 and the judiciary on its review of the progress made in meeting  
34 the goals cited in section 19122 and its policy recommendations  
36 and other proposals for meeting those goals in the forthcoming  
year. A copy of the report must be submitted to the joint  
standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over  
appropriations and financial affairs, criminal justice matters,  
education and cultural affairs and health and human services  
matters. A copy of the report must be made available to the  
public.'

38 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end after section  
40 8 the following:

42 'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the  
44 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.'

46 Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any  
48 nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read  
consecutively.

**SUMMARY**

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This amendment strikes out sections of law that were repealed by Public Law 1999, chapter 668. The amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause, revises the limitations of appointments of members, limits Legislators serving on the Council on Children and Families to the period of their legislative term and inserts an annual reporting date.

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