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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
121ST LEGISLATURE
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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 538, L.D. 732, Bill, "An Act To Change Child-to-staff Ratios in Child Care Centers"

Amend the amendment by inserting after the 2nd indented paragraph the following:

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

Whereas, the early years of a child's development are critical; and

Whereas, the appropriate staff-child ratio and maximum group size in child care facilities are crucial to the development of young children; and

Whereas, this resolve establishes a task force to develop recommendations regarding staff-child ratios and maximum group size in child care facilities, leading to adoption of rules next year; 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, be it'

SENATE AMENDMENT

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L.D. 732

2 Further amend the amendment in section 2 in the 13th line
(page 2, line 4 in amendment) by striking out the following:
"Legislators" and inserting in its place the following: 'up to 3
4 Legislators, 2 of whom are appointed by the President of the
Senate and one of whom is appointed by the Speaker of the House
6 of Representatives'

8 Further amend the amendment in section 2 in the last line
(page 2, line 7 in amendment) by inserting after the following:
10 "stakeholders" the following: '. The advisory task force may
hold up to 4 meetings to conduct its examination and make
12 recommendations'

14 Further amend the amendment in section 3 in the 3rd line
(page 2, line 11 in amendment) by striking out the following: "1"
16 and inserting in its place the following: '3'

18 Further amend the amendment in section 3 in the 6th line
(page 2, line 14 in amendment) by striking out the following:
20 "the results" and inserting in its place the following: 'its
conclusions and recommendations'

22 Further amend the amendment in section 3 in the last line
(page 2, line 15 in amendment) by striking out the following:
24 "February 1" and inserting in its place the following: 'January 5'

26 Further amend the amendment by inserting after section 4 the
28 following:

30 'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.'

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SUMMARY

36 This amendment adds an emergency preamble, clarifies that up
to 3 Legislators may serve on the advisory task force and
38 authorizes up to 4 meetings of the advisory task force. The
amendment also changes the reporting dates.

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SPONSORED BY: 
44 (Senator GAGNON)

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COUNTY: Kennebec

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

SENATE AMENDMENT

Approved: 06/12/03 *MAC*

121st Maine Legislature
Office of Fiscal and Program Review



LD 732

An Act To Change Child-to-staff Ratios in Child Care Centers

LR 1632(04)

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment 'A' to Committee Amendment 'A'

Sponsor: Sen. Gagnon

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium savings - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment reduces the legislative cost of the study by \$315 in fiscal year 2003-04. The projected legislative cost for 3 legislators to participate as members of the advisory task force are \$1,260 in fiscal year 2003-04. These costs will be funded through the Legislature's study budget.