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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
109TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

(Filing No. H-535)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 951, L.D. 1220, Bill, "AN ACT to Require a Study of a Single State Source for Funding and Reporting by Residential Programs for Youth."

Amend the Bill by striking out all of the title and inserting in its place the following:

'RESOLVE, Relating to a Report on a Single Source for Funding of and Reporting by Residential Programs for Youth.'

Further amend the Bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting in its place the following:

'Residential programs for youth; funding and reporting.'

Resolved: That the Commissioners of Human Services, Mental Health and Corrections and Educational and Cultural Services shall submit a written report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Institutional Services of the Legislature no later than January 15, 1980, on establishing a single state source for funding of and reporting by residential programs for youth .

For purposes of this resolve, a residential program for youth shall mean any children's home as defined in the <sup>Maine</sup> Revised Statutes, Title 22, chapter 1669, but shall not include foster homes or any governmental agency or institution; and be it further

Resolved: That the report shall, at a minimum, contain the following:

1. A listing of funding sources available from any agency, and whether these funds are from the State or Federal Government, including: A description of the terms under which the funds are made available to the State and subsequently to the residential program; an estimate of the amount of the funds estimated to be available for the programs in the State for the current and next state fiscal years; a description of the cycle by which the funds are made available, including an indication by month of the deadlines for applying for funds, the award of funds and the fiscal years for obligation and expenditure;

2. A study of requirements by any state agency for reports from any residential program for youth ; including, but not limited to, reports on fund requirements and use and an operation of programs; the study shall also state the required content and frequency of reports, the period for which the report is prepared and the purpose of the report;

3. A description of a feasible, single state funding and reporting system for residential programs for youth which has the following features:

A. Establishing one office or agency within one of the 3 departments involved;

B. Using a single procedure and fiscal year for all funding administered by the State, whether from state or federal

sources, including applications for, awards of, accounting for and reporting on all funds;

C. Using a unified reporting system, under which all reports required by state agencies are consolidated, resulting in one periodic report made to the single office or agency; and

D. Including drafts of any legislation, executive orders and rules necessary to implement it; and

4. An evaluation of the proposed single state funding and reporting system including the minority views of any of the participating departments.

Statement of Fact

The purposes of this amendment are to convert the bill to a resolve, correct a reference and have a report sent to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Institutional Services.