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1 (EMERGENCY)
2 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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4 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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6 Legislative Document

No. 1422

8 S.P. 527

In Senate, April 29, 1985

9 Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested and ordered
10 printed.

11 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Bustin of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative Melendy of Rockland.

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13 STATE OF MAINE
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15 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
16 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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18 Resolve, Authorizing Continued Study of
19 Information Processing in Social
20 Service Agencies.
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22 Emergency Preamble. Whereas, Acts and resolves
23 of the Legislature do not become effective until 90
24 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies;
25 and

26 Whereas, a study to examine ways in which the in-
27 formation processing systems of income supplementa-
28 tion and social service agencies has reached the
29 crucial stage of implementation; and

30 Whereas, successful implementation of the recom-
31 mendations of the study requires further legislative
32 and public oversight; and

33 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
34 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of
35 the Constitution of Maine and require the following

1 legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
2 therefore, be it
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4 **Computer based information processing; report.**

5 **Resolved:** That the Department of Human Services, the
6 Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation,
7 the Division of Community Services and Central Computer
8 Services shall continue their efforts to further
9 streamline computer-based information processing
10 based on the recommendations of the study mandated by
11 Resolves 1983, chapter 41. Not later than December
12 31, 1985, these state agencies shall report to the
13 Legislature on their progress; and be it further

14 **Study; recommendations. Resolved:** That a Joint

15 Select Committee on Interagency Information Processing
16 shall advise the Executive and Legislative
17 branches of State Government on the subject matter of
18 this resolve with the cooperation of the 4 state
19 agencies. The committee shall consist of 7 members,
20 including 2 Legislators, appointed jointly by the
21 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House
22 of Representatives; 3 members, each of whom shall be
23 a member of an advisory board or a consumer of services
24 familiar with the operations of the state agencies,
25 with the 2 commissioners and the Director of
26 Community Services each appointing one member, who
27 shall not be an employee of the department or the division;
28 and 2 members appointed by the chairman of the
29 Human Services Council, who shall be members of the
30 council, council staff or individuals from the
31 private sector who shall be knowledgeable in the science
32 and administration of data processing in community
33 service agencies. Members shall not be vendors
34 or representatives of vendors of data processing
35 equipment, supplies or services. The chairman of the
36 committee shall be designated jointly by the chairmen
37 of the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources.
38 The joint select committee shall meet at least once
39 every 2 months to advise on the implementation of
40 study recommendations; and be it further

41 **Appropriation. Resolved:** That there is appropriated

42 from the General Fund a sum of \$2,000 to carry
43 out the purposes of this resolve. These funds
44 shall be used to pay a per diem to the commission

1 members, including Legislators when the Legislature
2 is not in session, at the same rate as that paid to
3 Legislators; to pay the actual travel, meal and lodg-
4 ing expenses of the commission members; and to pay
5 other actual expenses of the commission.

6 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited
7 in the preamble, this resolve shall take effect when
8 approved.

9 STATEMENT OF FACT

10 The purpose of this resolve is to continue the
11 effort begun in the 111th Legislature to coordinate
12 and streamline the information processing systems in
13 the State's social service agencies in order to im-
14 prove efficiency and the quality of service to the
15 clients of these agencies.

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