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L.D. 809  
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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
113TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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HOUSE AMENDMENT "**C**" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A"  
to H.P. 598, L.D. 809, "Resolve, to Establish the  
Commission on Children in Need of Supervision and  
Treatment."

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Amend the amendment by striking out everything  
after the title and inserting in its place the fol-  
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'Amend the resolve by striking out everything af-  
ter the emergency preamble and before the statement  
of fact and inserting in its place the following:

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'Commission established; membership. Resolved:  
That there is established the Special Commission on  
Children in Need of Supervision and Treatment. The  
commission shall consist of 17 members. There shall  
be 7 legislative members as follows: Two Senators ap-  
pointed by the President of the Senate and 5 members  
of the House of Representatives appointed by the  
Speaker of the House. Of the legislative members,  
there shall be at least 2 representatives from each  
of the following committees: The Joint Standing Com-  
mittee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, the  
Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources and the  
Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

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The Commissioner of Corrections, or his designee;  
the Commissioner of Mental Health and Mental Retarda-  
tion, or his designee; the Commissioner of Human  
Services, or his designee; the Commissioner of Educa-  
tional and Cultural Services, or his designee; the  
Chairman of the Juvenile Justice Advisory Group, or  
his designee; the Executive Director of Advocates for  
the Developmentally Disabled, or his designee; and a  
community mental health representative, a representa-  
tive from the State's residential and treatment cen-

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1       ters and 2 members of the public who are parents with  
2       direct experience with a child or children in need of  
3       supervision and treatment appointed by the Governor  
4       shall also be members. The appointments shall be  
5       made within 30 days of the effective date of this re-  
6       solve. The appropriate appointing authorities shall  
7       notify the Legislative Council of the appointees'  
8       names; and be it further

9               **Chairman; meetings. Resolved:** That the Speaker  
10       of the House and the President of the Senate shall  
11       jointly appoint the chairman. The chairman shall  
12       call meetings, except that the commission's first  
13       meeting shall be convened by the chairman of the Leg-  
14       islative Council within 20 days of the notification  
15       that all appointments have been made. The commission  
16       shall:

17               1. Define the population of out-of-control youth  
18       in need of supervision and treatment;

19               2. Define the type of authority the State and  
20       parents should have over their children;

21               3. Define legal and administrative remedies to  
22       enforce state and parental authority;

23               4. Identify the administrative mechanisms neces-  
24       sary to implement the remedies and interventions;

25               5. Identify the full spectrum of services  
26       needed, including, but not limited to, behavior  
27       stabilization units, to impact upon these issues, in-  
28       cluding recommendations for additional services and  
29       necessary state appropriations, including, as neces-  
30       sary, modifications to the Medicaid program;

31               6. Incorporate, as a part of the research and  
32       analysis of the commission, the related studies and  
33       reports; and



