

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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113TH LEGISLATURE

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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SENATE AMENDMENT " A " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A "  
8 to S.P. 802, L.D. 2103, Bill, "AN ACT to Improve the  
9 Quality of Care for Handicapped Children."

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Amend the amendment by striking out everything  
11 after the title and inserting in its place the  
12 following:

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

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AN ACT to Require an Interdepartmental Study of  
16 and Plan for the Use of 3rd-Party Funds for Children  
17 in Need of Treatment.

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Further amend the Bill by striking out everything  
19 after the enacting clause and inserting in its place  
20 the following:

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Sec. 1. Study; plan. The Commissioner of Human  
22 Services, the Commissioner of Mental Health and Mental  
23 Retardation and the Commissioner of Educational and  
24 Cultural Services, or their designees, shall study the  
25 current and potential use of 3rd-party funds by the  
26 State for the provision of services to handicapped  
27 children and shall develop a Medicaid plan which  
28 coordinates and maximizes the utilization of state and  
29 federal funds for the provision of services to these  
30 handicapped children.

1 Sec. 2. Report. The commissioners shall report  
2 no later than December 9, 1988, to the joint standing  
3 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over  
4 human resources on the study required by this Act.  
5 The report shall include a statement of the following:

6 1. How the State can make greater use of  
7 3rd-party funds for existing services for children in  
8 need of treatment, and what the State is doing to  
9 implement this use;

10 2. How the State could make use of 3rd-party  
11 funds to provide new services for children in need of  
12 treatment paying particular attention to provision of  
13 Medicaid reimbursement for child care and treatment  
14 services to children in foster homes who would  
15 otherwise require institutional or other out-of-home  
16 treatment and care;

17 3. What legislation, if any, is needed to  
18 implement the plan required in section 1; and

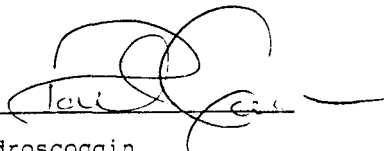
19 4. What appropriations, if any, are necessary to  
20 permit the State to implement the plan required in  
21 section 1, and whether such appropriation will be  
22 requested by the Governor.'

23 STATEMENT OF FACT

24 This amendment clarifies the intention of the  
25 legislation that commissioners of the 3 major  
26 child-serving departments will be integrally involved  
27 in the development of a plan to maximize utilization  
28 of Medicaid funds for children in need of treatment,  
29 emphasizing the need to seek Medicaid reimbursement  
30 for services to children in foster homes, which will  
31 provide cost-effective care in a least restrictive  
32 setting.

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34 (Sen. GAUVREAU)

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