

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

Legislative Docume	ent No. 2103
Council pursuant to Jo	In Senate, January 20, 198 roduction by a Majority of the Legislative oint Rule 26. Committee on Human Resources suggested
and ordered printed.	
JC	OY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate
Presented by Senator C Cosponsored by Se THISTLE of Dover-Foxcr	CLARK of Cumberland. enator GILL of Cumberland, Representative roft, Senator GAUVREAU of Androscoggin.
	STATE OF MAINE
	THE YEAR OF OUR LORD N HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-EIGHT
AN ACT to In Ha	mprove the Quality of Care for andicapped Children.
e it enacted by	the People of the State of Maine
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22 MRSA §3174-	-E is enacted to read:
3174-E. Services	for handicapped children
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1 The Commissioner of Mental Health and Mental 2 Retardation, the Commissioner of Human Services and 3 the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services 4 shall jointly develop and effectuate a Medicaid plan 5 which coordinates and maximizes the utilization of 6 state and federal funds for the provision of services 7 to handicapped children.
8 In order to develop this plan, the Commissioner of 9 Human Services shall:
101. Frequentrelocation.Identifyall11handicappedchildreninthecareandcustodyofthe12Statewhomakemorethan2home-to-homemovesinaone13yearperiod;
14 2. Placed in group homes. Identify all children 15 currently in the care and custody of the State who are 16 placed in group homes, emergency shelters and halfway 17 houses;
18 3. Eligible for Medicaid reimbursement. Identify 19 those handicapped children receiving services of the 20 State who receive or are eligible for Medicaid 21 reimbursement;
4. Priority recipients. Use this information to identify children with priority needs who might benefit from revisions in the State's Medicaid plan and any resulting waiver application; and
5. Private care; waiver. Ensure that the Medicaid plan emphasize the development of private, community-based child care for handicapped children. The plan shall include an application for a Medicaid waiver to provide reimbursement for child care and treatment in foster homes for children who would otherwise require institutional or other extra-home care.
.34 STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill directs the Commissioner of Mental

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Health and Mental Retardation, the Commissioner of Human Services and the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services to jointly develop a plan which will maximize the resources available to handicapped children throughout the State. Specifically, it mandates the techniques to provide Medicaid reimbursement in foster home situations which will provide a preferable level of care at less expense to the Medicaid program.

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