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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1678, L.D. 2307,
Bill, "AN ACT to Establish On-Site Day Care at the
Capitol Complex."

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Amend the bill by striking out everything after
the enacting clause and inserting in its place the
following:

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'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1742, sub-§22, as amended by
PL 1987, c. 407, §2, is further amended to read:

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22. Drug-related seized property. To review and
comment on all records provided by the Commissioner of
Public Safety relating to the disposition of
drug-related seized property pursuant to Title 22,
section 2387, subsection 5; and

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Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §1742, sub-§23, as enacted by PL
1987, c. 407, §3, is amended to read:

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23. Inventory of land. To periodically inventory
all land owned by any state agency and, together with
other state agencies, determine land that is needed by
state agencies for other uses and land that is
surplus. Prior to offering any land for sale, the
commissioner shall review with the Maine State Housing
Authority and other state agencies the information
derived from the inventory.

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1 A. By February 1, 1988, the commissioner shall
2 provide an initial report on the status of the
3 land inventory to the joint standing committees of
4 the Legislature having jurisdiction over economic
5 development; state and local government; and
6 appropriations and financial affairs.

7 B. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
8 the procedure for the distribution of surplus
9 state property for the purpose of this subsection
10 shall take priority over any other procedure for
11 the disbursement of surplus state land.

12 C. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed
13 to pertain to public reserved lands which are
14 exempt from this subsection; and

15 Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §1742, sub-§24 is enacted to
16 read:

17 24. Sites for child care programs. To review, in
18 cooperation with the Office of Child Care Coordination
19 in the Department of Human Services, feasible sites
20 for child care programs offered primarily as a service
21 to state employees pursuant to Title 22, section 8307,
22 subsection 2.

23 Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §8307 is enacted to read:

24 §8307. State employee child care programs

25 The Office of Child Care Coordination annually
26 shall evaluate the status of state financed or
27 operated child care facilities and programs which are
28 operated primarily as a service for children of state
29 employees, and shall set forth plans for the
30 development of additional facilities. For the purpose
31 of this section, "state employee" includes employees
32 subject to the civil service law, employees defined in
33 Title 5, chapter 71, and legislative employees.

34 1. Evaluation and report. The Office of Child
35 Care Coordination shall report its findings and

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- 1 recommendations annually to the joint standing
2 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
3 human resources no later than the 3rd Wednesday in
4 January of each first regular session of the
5 Legislature. This report, at a minimum, shall include
6 the following:
- 7 A. The number and location of child care sites
8 operated or planned for operation primarily for
9 children of state employees;
- 10 B. The number and ages of children at each site;
- 11 C. The number and ages of children of state
12 employees on waiting lists for admittance to the
13 programs;
- 14 D. The types of activities and programs provided
15 to the children;
- 16 E. The budget for each site, including
17 expenditures and income. Income shall be further
18 described to include fees charged and income from
19 other sources. Any deficits shall also be
20 described;
- 21 F. Assistance provided for children of low-income
22 state employee households, including sliding scale
23 fees and any other assistance. The number of
24 children for whom this assistance is being
25 provided shall also be included;
- 26 G. Any problems encountered in the operation of
27 the child care facilities and programs and the
28 reasons for these problems;
- 29 H. The successes that have been realized as a
30 result of this service to state employees,
31 including state employee successes relating
32 directly to the program;
- 33 I. The hours of operation of each facility; and
- 34 J. Any other information deemed relevant and
35 useful by the Office of Child Care Coordination.

1 2. Feasibility study of other child care
2 facilities and programs. Prior to the creation of new
3 or additional state financed or operated child care
4 facilities provided primarily for the benefit of state
5 employees, except the initial facility to be located
6 in the Augusta area, the Office of Child Care
7 Coordination, in cooperation with the Bureau of Public
8 Improvements, shall conduct a feasibility study of the
9 proposed child care facility which shall be located in
10 a state-owned facility or in a facility located
11 conveniently near the workplaces of state employees.
12 This feasibility study, at a minimum, shall include:

13 A. The location of the site and the reasons
14 justifying the location, including reasons
15 justifying or not justifying using state-owned
16 facilities;

17 B. An analysis of the benefits and liabilities of
18 contracting with the private sector to provide
19 child care programs under this section;

20 C. An analysis of the benefits and liabilities of
21 State Government operation of child care programs
22 and facilities for children of state employees;

23 D. The number and ages of children proposed for
24 the site;

25 E. The type of assistance to be made available to
26 children of state employees classified as
27 low-income households;

28 F. The types of activities and programs to be
29 provided, including preschool and after school
30 programs;

31 G. A time schedule for the commencement of
32 programs at each facility;

33 H. Sources of income, including fees, if any, for
34 funding each facility; and

35 I. Any other information deemed important by the
36 Office of Child Care Coordination and the Bureau
37 of Public Improvements.

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1 The report required by this subsection shall be
2 provided to the joint standing committee of the
3 Legislature having jurisdiction over human resources
4 in a timely manner preceeding the selection of the
5 site.

6 3. Priorities; rulemaking. Any child care
7 facility and programs operated primarily as a service
8 to state employees shall give priority to children of
9 low-income state employee households. Any facilities
10 and programs offered under this section shall also be
11 conveniently located for the use of state employees.
12 The Office of Child Care Coordination shall adopt
13 rules in accordance with the Maine Administrative
14 Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375, with respect to:

- 15 A. Priorities of eligibility for the program;
16 B. The number of children that each state
17 employee may enroll;
18 C. A sliding scale of fees for state employee
19 households of different incomes; and
20 D. A definition of low income.'

21 STATEMENT OF FACT

22 This amendment provides that the Office of Child
23 Care Coordination will evaluate the status of child
24 care programs financed or operated by State Government
25 as a service for state employees. The office will
26 report its findings to the Joint Standing Committee on
27 Human Resources.

28 The Office of Child Care Coordination and the
29 Bureau of Public Improvements will conduct feasibility
30 studies of any child care facilities proposed
31 subsequent to the establishment of the initial
32 facility in Augusta as provided in the 1987-88 fiscal
33 year budget. The study will consider, among other
34 issues, the feasibility of contracting with the
35 private sector to provide child care services for
36 state employees, state operation of

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1 these facilities, the location of these facilities and
2 the number and ages of children to be served.

3 This amendment also allows the Department of Human
4 Services to adopt rules to implement the program.

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