

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
114TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT **B** to H.P. 1199, L.D. 1666, Bill, "An Act to Establish the Department of Child and Family Services"

Amend the bill by striking out all of the title and inserting in its place the following:

**'An Act Concerning the Provision of Services to Children and Families'**

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

**'Sec. 1. Joint select committee established.** The Joint Select Committee on Families and Children is established to evaluate the effectiveness of the state delivery system of child and family services and assistance. The joint select committee shall consist of 13 members of the Legislature, 3 of whom shall be members of the Senate and 10 of whom shall be members of the House of Representatives. The joint select committee shall consist of the following:

- 1. Three members of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs;
- 2. Three members of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters;
- 3. Three members of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over human resource matters; and
- 4. Four other members of the Legislature.

1           **Sec. 2. Appointment.** The President of the Senate shall  
2 appoint 3 members and the Speaker of the House of Representatives  
3 shall appoint 10 members to the joint select committee. No more  
4 than 7 members of the joint select committee shall represent the  
5 majority party. The presiding officers of the Senate and the  
6 House of Representatives shall each appoint a cochair of the  
7 joint select committee.

9           **Sec. 3. Study and evaluation.** The joint select committee shall  
10 be responsible for, but not be limited to, the following:

11           1. An evaluation of the effectiveness of the state delivery  
12 system of child and family services and assistance;

13           2. A review of the programs available to families and  
14 children and the degree of overlap or duplication, if any, with  
15 respect to these programs;

16           3. An analysis of the problems, if any, with the current  
17 delivery system and the courses of these problems; and

18           4. A design for an effective state delivery system of child  
19 and family services and assistance which shall include, at a  
20 minimum:

21           A. The structure of the organization or organizations  
22 responsible for providing these services and assistance;

23           B. The programs to be administered and the units in the  
24 organization responsible for administering the programs;

25           C. The number of state employees required to implement the  
26 proposed delivery system and a breakdown of the number of  
27 employees by units within the organization;

28           D. The number of additional positions required, if any, or  
29 the number of existing positions which may be terminated, if  
30 any, to implement the proposed delivery system;

31           E. The cost of administering the new delivery system  
32 compared to the administrative costs of the current delivery  
33 system;

34           F. Any other cost savings incurred as a result of the  
35 adoption of the joint select committee's proposed delivery  
36 system; and

37           G. The reasons for the greater effectiveness of the  
38 proposed delivery system compared to the current system.

39           **Sec. 4. Consult with departments.** The joint select committee,  
40 while conducting the study and evaluation, shall

1 consult with the Department of Human Services, the Department of  
3 Corrections, the Department of Educational and Cultural Services,  
5 the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation and the  
7 Committee for the Interdepartmental Coordination of Services to  
Children and Families, established under the Maine Revised  
Statutes, Title 34-B, section 1214.

9 **Sec. 5. Compensation.** The joint select committee shall be  
11 compensated in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title  
3, section 2, for meetings held when the Legislature is not in  
session.

13 **Sec. 6. Meetings.** The joint select committee may be  
15 compensated for no more than 12 meetings.

17 **Sec. 7. Staff.** The Legislative Council shall provide for the  
staffing of the joint select committee.

19 **Sec. 8. Report.** The joint select committee shall report its  
21 findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of  
the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local  
23 government matters of the First Regular Session of the 115th  
Legislature no later than January 15, 1991.

25 **Sec. 9. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated  
27 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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29 **LEGISLATURE**

31 **Study Commissions - Funding**

33	Personal Services	\$8,500
35	All Other	10,400
37	Provides funds for the per diem, travel and related expenses of the Joint Select 39 Committee on Families and Children. These funds shall carry forward to June 30, 1991.	

41 **LEGISLATURE**  
43 **TOTAL**

\$18,900'

47 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

49 This amendment creates the 13-member Joint Select Committee  
51 on Families and Children composed of 3 Senators and 10  
Representatives to study the current delivery system of child and  
family services. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of  
53 the House of Representatives will appoint members to the joint

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1 select committee. Each presiding officer will appoint a  
2 cochair. The joint select committee will consult with the  
3 Department of Corrections, the Department of Educational and  
4 Cultural Services, the Department of Human Services and the  
5 Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

7 The joint select committee will:

9 1. Evaluate the current delivery system;

11 2. Review current state child and family services and  
12 programs to determine the degree of overlap, if any;

13 3. Conduct an analysis of the problems, if any, with the  
14 current delivery system;

17 4. Recommend, if necessary, a design or master plan for an  
18 effective state delivery system of child and family services; and

19 5. Define, in a master plan or design:

21 A. The administrative units of the organization;

23 B. The programs to be administered by each unit;

25 C. The number of employees assigned to each unit;

27 D. The number of new positions created or the number of  
28 existing positions to be terminated; and

31 E. The cost of administering the new delivery system and  
32 any cost savings.

33 The joint select committee will report its findings to the  
35 First Regular Session of the 115th Legislature.

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