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8	STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 114TH LEGISLATURE
10	SECOND REGULAR SESSION
12	HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "C" to H.P.
14	1199, L.D. 1666, Bill, "An Act to Establish the Department of Child and Family Services"
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18	Amend the amendment by striking out everything after the title and inserting in its place the following:
20	'Amend the bill by striking out all of the title and inserting in its place the following:
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24	'An Act to Plan to Establish a Department of Children and Families'
26 28	Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:
30	'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
32	become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
34	Whereas, this Act must be passed as an emergency measure in order for the implementation plan to be developed in a timely
36	fashion and for the plan to be reviewed by the Legislature by the target date of March 31, 1991; and
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40	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
42	necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,
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46	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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PART A

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2	Sec. A-1. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§34-A is enacted to read:			
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8		<u>Committee</u> on Children	Expenses	<u>§201</u>
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12			<u>are not</u> <u>State</u>	_
14			Employees	-
16	Sec. A-2. 22-A MRSA is enacted to read:			
18	TITLE 22-A			
20	HUMAN DEVELOPMENT			
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30	<u>§101. Definitions</u>			
	<u>As used in</u>	this Part,	unless	the context otherwise
32	indicates, the foll	<u>owing terms h</u>	ave the fo	<u>ollowing meanings.</u>
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36				<u>the executive branch</u> e major programs and
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	<u>pursuant to provisi</u>	ons of state	and feder	al laws and administered
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44	<u>salary range 91.</u>			
46				<u>commissioner" means the</u> amilies, an official of
48	State Government a	appointed by	the Gove	ernor to carry out the
				he plan to establish the
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52	department, if any.		<u>a curer (</u>	peracing vilicer or the

2 <u>§102. Administrative agency and interim commissioner</u> established

1. Administrative agency and position established. The administrative agency and position of Interim Commissioner of 6 Children and Families are established within the executive branch 8 to assist with development of a plan to implement a Department of Children and Families or organizational structure to provide the 10 most effective delivery system to the children and families of the State. The administrative agency is established as an independent organization within the executive branch. The 12 purpose of the department must be to encourage, enhance and support the human development of children and families in this 14 State, to ameliorate family dysfunctions and child disabilities, and to be a unified and functionally integrated operating agency 16 to coordinate and consolidate the effective delivery of services 18 to children and families. The department must be separate and distinct from any other agency of State Government.

 2. Appointment. The Governor shall appoint the interim
 22 commissioner within 10 days of the effective date of this Part. The interim commissioner shall serve at the pleasure of the
 24 Governor for a term commencing within 10 days of being nominated and ending no later than June 30, 1991.

<u>§103. Qualifications</u>

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To be appointed interim commissioner, a candidate must be qualified by extensive experience in the field of human development and public administration, including public policy analysis and development, public financial and program matters,

and legislative and executive branch relations.

CHAPTER 3

MAINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

- <u>§201. Advisory committee established</u>
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 Committee established. The Maine Advisory Committee on Children and Families, referred to in this chapter as the "advisory committee," is established in accordance with Title 5, chapter 379. It is an independent committee that shall advise, consult and assist the executive and legislative branches of State Government in implementing this Part.

48 §202. Membership

 50 <u>1. Membership.</u> The advisory committee consists of no more than 30 members. The Governor shall appoint members who qualify
 52 under paragraph A or B. The President of the Senate and the

Speaker of the House of Representatives shall jointly appoint
members who qualify under paragraph C or D. A member appointed and qualified under paragraph A. C or D may not be an official,
employee, consultant or any other individual employed or retained by the executive branch of State Government. Membership is as
follows:

- A. Ten public members who must be chairs or members of existing advisory committees related to children's issues.
 and who are knowledgeable and have extensive experience relating to human development of children and families.
 advocacy and state advisory organizations relating to children and families;
- B. Eight classified state employees engaged in frontline16service delivery, supervision, administration, midmanagement16or regional management of human development services for18children and families in programs operated by the Department18of Corrections, the Department of Educational and Cultural20Services, the Department of Human Services and theDepartment of Mental Health and Mental Retardation;
 - C. Two members representing the certified bargaining agents of the employees of the state agencies listed in paragraph B; and

D. Ten public members with extensive education and experience in human development of children and families and delivery of service through community-level private, nonprofit or public entities and state-level provider associations.

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§203. Administrative matters,

Members are entitled to compensation and payment of expenses as authorized under Title 5, chapter 379. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall jointly appoint the chair. Members must be appointed no later than 30 days after the effective date of this section.

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Sec. A-3. Application. The interim commissioner may not undertake administration of programs or services until the plan developed by the Joint Select Committee on Children and Families, pursuant to Part B of this Act, is authorized by the Legislature and approved by the Governor, except that the interim commissioner shall carry out the provisions of this Act.

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PART B

Sec. B-1. Transitional process for department. To attain full implementation of a unified Department of Children and

to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "C" to H.P. 1199. HOUSE AMENDMENT L.D. 1666

Families or other structure that may be determined to be more effective, a transition process is established that begins no later than the effective date of this Act and ends June 30, 1993.

Timetable for presentation of plans; approval or Sec. B-2. disapproval of plans; implementation and review of department.

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It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Children and Families be operational by July¹⁴, 1991. To attain this intent:

12 An inventory of existing resources and description of Α. current services and administrative activities to be 14 functionally integrated to provide unified services pursuant to this Act must be prepared by staff of the executive and 16 legislative branches beginning within 10 ⁹ days of the effective date of this Act. This inventory must include any possible areas where services or resources are insufficient 18 barriers exist to the provision of services or of 20 The inventory must identify those existing resources. or services that best respond to difficult systems populations of children and families; 22

Deliberations to prepare an implementation plan must be 24 в. commenced by the Joint Select Committee of Children and 26 Families working with executive branch leaders, the Maine Advisory Committee on Children and Families and with the 28 input of interested parties beginning no later than 30 days after the effective date of this Act; SP

с. An initial plan and legislation proposing implementation 32 of this Act must be presented by the Joint Select Committee on Children and Families to the Governor and the Legislature 34 by February 1, 1991; and

36 D. Legislation authorizing appropriation and statutory provisions to implement a unified department must be 38 considered by the Governor and the Legislature' for approval or disapproval by March 31, 1991.

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During the period of July 1, 1991, to June 30, 1993, 2. 42 officials of the executive and the legislative branches and the Joint Select Committee on Children and Families shall monitor the 44 operation of the department. The officials and the committee are authorized to present proposals for additional implementation 46 plans, make reports and prepare further legislation as each Implementation plans and legislation determines appropriate. 48 must include reports to be presented by February 1, 1992, and February 1, 1993, to the Governor and the Legislature for 50 approval or disapproval by March 31st of the same year in which the reports are presented. 6

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	See B.3. Cuidelines for content proposition and implementation of
2	Sec. B-3. Guidelines for content, preparation and implementation of plan. The plan and its implementation must be guided by the
4	purpose of the Department of Children and Families which is to encourage, enhance and support the human development of children
б	and families in the State, to ameliorate family dysfunctions and child disabilities, and to be a unified and functionally
U	integrated operating agency to coordinate and consolidate the
8	effective delivery of services to children and families.
10	1. The implementation plan must provide:
12	A. Further definition of the department's purpose, if needed;
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16	B. A description of services and programs to be offered;
18	C. A statement of management responsibilities and lines of authority;
20	D. An organizational chart;
22	E. A listing of personnel positions and description of
24	responsibilities;
26	F. A chart of accounts and finances, including proposed transfers of current appropriations and allocations as may be needed;
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30	G. An inventory of current facilities and space utilization and, if needed, proposals for relocation of workplaces using existing facilities and space; and
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34	H. Other appropriate operations and implementation matters.
36	2. It is the intent of the Legislature that the plan proposes the transfer to the Department of Children and Families
38	of existing organizational units, programs and activities that serve the needs of children and families. The following
40	organizational units, programs and activities must be considered for transfer:
42	A. The Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, Bureau of Children with Special Needs;
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46	B. The Department of Human Services, Bureau of Child and Family Services;
48	C. The child and family services functions of the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health, including,
50	but not limited to, the handicapped children's program, the genetic disease program, the public health nursing program,

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the maternal and child health program, the adolescent pregnancy and parenting program, the family planning program and the women, infant and children's program;

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D. The Department of Educational and Cultural Services as it relates to preschool handicapped children programs pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 307, including the Child Development Services System under Title 20-A, section 7707 and including the Interdepartmental Coordinating Committee for Preschool Handicapped Children established in Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 10;

E. The Division of Community Services, Head Start Program;

F. All juvenile and youth correctional services of the Department of Corrections;

 18 G. The Interdepartmental Council established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-B, section 1214, as amended by
 20 Public Law 1989, chapter 729; and

H. Any other administrative units or functions related to the subject matter of those listed in this subsection or other activities of State Government serving children and families.

The plan must authorize the department to prepare, 3. 28 organize and offer educational, developmental, health, medical, mental, social and correctional services to carry out its 30 duties. The plan must authorize the department to address subject matters related to family functioning, family child disabilities, 32 dysfunctions, child development and including, but not limited to, adult abuse and neglect, 34 alcoholism, preschool education, early childhood development, low aspirations, child abuse and neglect, drug abuse, family juvenile delinguency, medical 36 problems, family violence, problems, mental illness, mental retardation, children and 38 families in poverty or with low income, school dropouts, special education, substance abuse, truancy, teen pregnancy and teen 40 suicide.

42 4. The plan must provide that the method of service delivery by the department be functionally integrated to offer
44 holistic child-focused and family-focused services. Children and families must be served according to the principle of one case
46 manager for one family. All services of the department must be offered in a fully cooperative and coordinated manner consistent
48 with fully implementing the principle of a functionally integrated pattern of unified and consolidated operations.

5. The plan must provide for implementing the policy that 52 families are and should continue to be the preferred environment

for raising children and caring for vulnerable family members. 2 The plan must advance the goals of maintaining the family as a functioning social unit, providing services to ameliorate dysfunctions or family dissolution, thereby empowering children 4 and families to function independently of the department and protecting each family member from harm or violence. 6 8 б. The programs must be analyzed and restructured to attain functional integration of services. 10 7. During preparation of the plan, the following matters 12 must be considered: 14 Administration and organization of services based on one Α. or more of the following functional patterns: 16 (1) Ages of children and family members; 18 (2) Human development levels of children and family 20 members; 22 (3) Administrative procedures applicable to serving individuals, such as information and referral, 24 awareness, education, early identification, assessment, diagnosis, crisis intervention, stabilization, 26 residential, transition to independence and evaluation of service effectiveness; and 28 (4) Other appropriate functionally integrated patterns of service; and 30 32 Better coordination, integration, efficiency, Β. and improvement of certain administrative and service In addition, the plan must provide for activities. 34 maintaining or improving equitable geographical accessibility to services which must be based on the types 36 services required by children and families. The of administrative and service activities to be reviewed 38 include, but are not limited to: 40 (1) Central offices; 42 (2) Regional offices; 44 A single central office administrative unit (3) 46 responsible for alternative residential care; 48 (4) A single central office administrative unit responsible for purchase of service contracts; and 50 Other appropriate policy, administrative (5) and 52 service activities.

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2 8. The proposed plan and legislation must provide that:

То the extent proposals affect existing major 4 Α. policy-influencing positions identified in the Maine Revised 6 Statutes, Title 5, chapter 71, or other existing positions not appointed pursuant to the Civil Service Law, those 8 appointments must be made by the successor, if any, to the Interim Commissioner of Children and Families 10 days after 10 written notice, identifying the nominee and the nominee's qualifications, has been provided to the Governor and the 12 Legislature; and

B. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 71, any person who is appointed as an initial bureau director to serve in the Department of Children and Families must be appointed by the successor, if any, to the Interim Commissioner of Children and Families for a term coterminous with the term of the successor, if any, to the interim commissioner and may be removed from office during that initial term only for cause.

Sec. B-4. Budget and finances. As one portion of the implementation plan, a unified budget for the Department of 24 Children and Families must be prepared and presented to the 26 Governor and the Legislature, including the Joint Select Committee on Children and Families, in accordance with the timetable specified in section B-3 of this Act. 28 The Interim Commissioner of Children and Families and other executive branch 30 officials must provide the Legislature, including the Joint Committee on Children and Families, Select with anv 32 budget-related information that is requested.

 An annual review of the budget, including any necessary adjustments, must be presented by February 1, 1992 and February
 1, 1993.

The proposed plan, budget and legislation must include adequate and appropriate use of Medicaid and other funding of
 services for children and families, including new options and uses, and must provide for the securement of any necessary
 approval of the Federal Government as expeditiously as possible.

3. The Interim Commissioner of Children and Families with the approval of the Governor and the Legislature shall explore
and apply for grants, funds and any other resources available from public or private sources, particularly the Federal
Government, that are appropriate to assist with financing services to children and families or to carrying out the purposes
of this Act.

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Sec. B-5. Joint select committee established. The Joint

Select Committee on Children and Families is established and consists of 13 members of the Legislature, including 3 members of the Senate and 10 members of the House of Representatives as follows:

6 1. Two members of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs;

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2. Two members of the Joint Standing Committee on Education;

3. Two members of the Joint Standing Committee on Human 12 Resources;

14 4. Two members of the Joint Select Committee on Corrections or its successor;

5. Two members of the Joint Standing Committee on State and 18 Local Government; and

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6. Three other members of the Legislature.

22 Members of the Senate must be appointed by the President of the Senate and members of the House of Representatives must be 24 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of 26 Representatives shall jointly appoint the chair of the joint select committee. All members must be appointed no later than 30 28 days after the effective date of this Act.

30 Sec. B-6. Joint select committee charged. The Joint Select Committee on Children and Families shall:

 Develop and monitor, with officials of the executive
 branch, the plan to operate and implement the Department of Children and Families in accordance with the provisions of this
 Act. When the Interim Commissioner of Children and Families is sworn in and has taken office, the committee, with the interim
 commissioner and other executive branch officials, shall continue developing the plan;

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Make reports, together with necessary implementing
 legislation, that include proposals to amend, repeal and reallocate laws, and make appropriations and allocations to
 reflect the department's powers, responsibilities and organization; and

 Make any other recommendations, including legislation,
 that offer future benefits and services to the general welfare and safety of children and families of the State.

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Sec. B-7. Executive branch authorizations.

The following officials of the executive branch shall 1. work with the Joint Select Committee on Children and Families: 2 Interim Commissioner of Children and Families; the the Commissioner of Corrections; the Commissioner of Educational and 4 Cultural Services; the Commissioner of Human Services; the Director of Community Services and the Commissioner of Mental 6 Health and Mental Retardation.

State agencies, to the extent feasible and reasonable,
 shall make available staff, facilities, equipment, supplies,
 information and other assistance to the joint select committee
 and the interim commissioner as reasonably required to carry out
 the purposes of this Act.

Sec. B-8. Legislative authorizations. The members of the Joint
Select Committee on Children and Families are entitled to compensation in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title
3, section 2, for meetings held when the Legislature is not in session. The Legislative Council is authorized to make payments
for expenses from the Legislative Account and to provide staff resources to assist the Joint Select Committee on Children and
Families and to carry out the purposes of this Act.

24 Sec. B-9. Independent committee authorization. The Maine Advisory Committee on Children and Families, established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22-A, chapter 3, shall advise, consult and assist with carrying out the purposes of this Act.

Sec. B-10. Maine Children's Trust Fund. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, chapter 1052, \$5,166 in fiscal year 1989-90 and \$54,834 in fiscal year 1990-91 of the Maine Children's Trust Fund may be allocated to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Sec. B-11. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1989-90 1990-91

42 ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY, 42 INTERIM COMMISSIONER OF

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44 Administration-Children and Families

46	Positions	(1.0)	(1.0)
	Personal Services	\$10,996	\$71,472
48	All Other	350	2,500

50 Provides funds for an interim commissioner and travel costs

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	HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AM L.D. 1666	ENDMENT "C" t	CO H.P. 1199,
2	to develop an implementation plan for a department.		
4 6	INTERIM COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY TOTAL	\$11,346	\$73,972
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8	MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETAN DEPARTMENT OF	RDATION,	
10	Administration - Mental Health and		
12	Mental Retardation		
14	Positions	(-1.0)	(-1.0)
16	Personal Services All Other	(\$10,996) (350)	(\$71,472) (2,500)
18	Provides for the transfer of the Director of the Bureau of		
20	Children with Special Needs		
22	to act as the Interim Commissioner of Children and		
	Families.		
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2 4 6 8	LEGISLATURE TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY, INTERIM COMMISSIONER OF Administration - Children and Families	\$1,365	\$19,340
10	Personal Services	\$2,701	\$26,644
12	All Other	1,100	8,850
14	Provides funds for a limited period Clerk-Typist II position, expenses necessary		
16	to develop an implementation plan for a department and for		
18	the per diem and expenses of the Maine Advisory Committee		
20	on Children and Families.		
22	INTERIM COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY		
24	TOTAL	\$3,801	\$35,494
26	TOTAL ALLOCATION	\$5,166	\$54,834
28	Emergency clause. In view of the preamble, this Act takes effect when a		cited in the

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FISCAL NOTE

34 This amendment transfers the Director of the Bureau of Children with Special Needs from the Department of Mental health 36 and Mental Retardation to the Interim Commissioner of Administrative Agency.

This amendment also provides funding for a limited period position and per diem and expenses for the Maine Advisory Committee on Children and Families and the Joint Select Committee on Children and Families from income to the Maine Children's Trust Fund set aside for development of the fund. A total of \$60,000 is made available for this purpose.

46 Funds are not being provided for support costs due to the provision that state agencies shall make such resources available.

Future costs can not be estimated at this time and will be 50 dependent upon legislation submitted to the First Regular Session of the 115th Legislature.'

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HOUSE AMENDMENT " \mathcal{B} " to committee amendment "C" to H.P. 1199,

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment replaces Committee Amendment "C" and House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "C." 4

This amendment provides a better-defined transition process 6 and more detailed timetable to offer an improved structure and forum for substantive deliberations regarding the establishment 8 of the Department of Children and Families. This amendment 10 establishes an Interim Commissioner of Children and Families within the executive branch to assist with development of a plan 12 to implement a Department of Children and Families. The purpose of the department must be to enhance the human development of children and families in this State, to ameliorate family 14 dysfunctions and child disabilities, and to be a unified and functionally integrated operating agency to coordinate and 16 consolidate the effective delivery of services to children and 18 families.

20 This amendment clarifies that deliberations during the transition process will address how to design the best organization of state activities to most appropriately meet the 22 needs of children and families, and how to coordinate with existing activities that may not be authorized for transfer as a 24 result of the review and design process.

Through this amendment and this Act, the legislative intent 28 is that establishing an interim commissioner and a transition process will lead to implementation of a Department of Children 30 and Families on July 1, 1991, as proposed in the original bill, subject to future approval or disapproval by the Legislature and the Governor. 32

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This amendment provides that:

36 A proposed plan of implementation and any necessary 1. legislation be presented to the Legislature and the Governor by February 1, 1991, and explicitly states that these proposals may 38 be approved or disapproved;

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2. Officials of the executive branch and the legislative branch shall work together on preparation of the proposed plan;

44 3. Subject to future approval or disapproval, transfer of existing activities to the department must be considered, and is intended to occur, unless after deliberations the Joint Select 46 Committee on Children and Families recommends that such a 48 transfer:

50 A. Is prohibited by federal law; or

52 Is not in the best interest of helping children and в. families;

4. Appointment of the Interim Commissioner of Children and Families by the Governor is streamlined by deleting appraisal of
candidates by the Maine Human Development Commission, and providing that the interim commissioner be appointed within 10
days of the effective date of this Act;

5. The public, community-level agencies, state employees and providers have substantial opportunities for input to
preparation and implementation of the plan. Members of the Maine Advisory Committee on Children and Families are appointed by the
Governor or by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The advisory committee is independent
and compensation and expenses are authorized;

16 6. In order to focus preparation of the plan and future administrative and service practices, legislative intent is
18 stated in several principles to guide design and future operation of the department;

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State agencies, offices and officials are authorized to
 provide staff, administrative support and other resources to
 assist the interim commissioner and the Joint Select Committee on
 Children and Families, and to carry out the purposes of this
 amendment;

- 8. To assist with financing services to children and 28 families, or to carry out the purposes of this amendment and Act:
- A. A proposed budget for the department must be prepared and include the securement of any necessary approval of the
 Federal Government as expeditiously as possible;
- B. Grants and other resources must be explored and applied for, particularly those available from the Federal
 Government; and
- C. The use of federal funds, including new options and uses, limitations and any potential loss of federal funds,
 will be reviewed during the transition process and considered for approval or disapproval by the Governor and
 the Legislature in the future; and
- 9. The planning implementation dates and appropriations are adjusted to reflect the purposes of this amendment and the emergency provisions.

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