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12	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " $H$ " to H.P. 1752, L.D. 2415, "Resolve,
14	to Establish a Model Coordinated Response System for Child Abuse Referrals in Penobscot and Piscataquis Counties"
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18	Amend the resolve in section 2 in subsection 3 in the 4th line (page 1, line 47 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "both," the following: 'work with the Department of Human
20	Services and the District Attorney for Prosecutorial District Number 5 or the district attorney's designee to'
22	Further amend the resolve in section 5 in the first
24	paragraph in the 2nd line (page 2, line 26 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "10" and inserting in its place the
26	following: 'll'
28	Further amend the resolve in section 5 in subsection 8 in the last line (page 2, line 51 in L.D.) by striking out the
30	following: "and"
32	Further amend the resolve in section 5 in subsection 9 in the first line (page 3, line 2 in L.D.) by striking out the
34	following: "group." and inserting in its place the following: 'group; and'
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38	Further amend the resolve in section 5 by adding after subsection 9 the following:
40	'10. One representative of a law enforcement agency.'
42	Further amend the resolve in section 5 by striking out all of the 5th indented paragraph from the end and inserting in its
44	place the following:
46	'The cochairs of the advisory committee shall appoint 8 members from among those listed in subsections 4 to 10. The
48	cochairs may seek advice from and consultation with members of the judiciary.'
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52	Further amend the resolve by inserting after section 5 the following:
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## COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "H" to H.P. 1752, L.D. 2415

'Sec. 6. Videotaping interviews. Resolved: That the Legislature 2 strongly encourages the use of videotape to record interviews conducted during the initial assessment of child abuse and 4 neglect referrals. The Legislature recognizes, however, that the use of electronic recording equipment is controversial and 6 appears to have significant implications concerning the child and 8 family members who are the subjects of a referral, the constitutional rights of a prospective defendant and the 10 prosecutorial process. Accordingly, the staff of the Coordinated Response System is charged with exploring the implications of videotaping initial interviews and identifying means to resolve 12 apparent issues with the intent of incorporating videotaping as a tool used during the initial assessment phase of 14 the investigation to record initial interviews of the child and 16 family members; and be it further'

18 Further amend the resolve in section 7 in the 6th line (page 3, line 50 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: 20 "Resources" the following: ', the Commissioner of Human Services'

Further amend the resolve in section 7 in the 4th line from the end (page 4, line 1 in L.D.) by inserting after the word "contain" the following: 'a specific section on the status and effectiveness of employing videotape to record interviews during the initial assessment phase of child abuse and neglect referrals as well as'

Further amend the resolve by renumbering the sections to 30 read consecutively.

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## STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment clarifies that the dispositional team of the Child Abuse Assessment System works in conjunction with the Department of Human Services and the District Attorney for Prosecutorial District Number 5, adds 1 additional member to the advisory committee, charges staff with exploring the implications of videotaping initial interviews with the intent of employing videotaping and reporting on these implications in the final report and includes the Commissioner of Human Services as one of the recipients of the final report.

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