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In Senate, February 12, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested and ordered printed.

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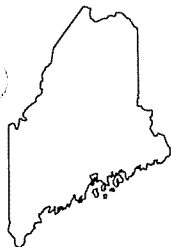
JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GAUVREAU of Androscoggin
Cosponsored by Representative MANNING of Portland and Representative CARROLL of
Gray:

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

**An Act Relating to Assumption of Medical Expenses by the State in
Child Protection Investigations.**



Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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22 MRSA §4024 is enacted to read:

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§4024. Department responsible for required services

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If the department requires that a child receive mental health services or other medical services as an alternative to the initiation of a child protection proceeding and the child's parents do not have insurance coverage for the services, the department is responsible for the cost of the services.

STATEMENT OF FACT

After investigating an allegation of child abuse or neglect, the Department of Human Services sometimes requires that a child receive counseling or other medical services as an alternative to initiating a child protection proceeding against the parents. This bill requires that, if a child's parents do not have insurance coverage for such services, the Department of Human Services is responsible for providing them.