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STATE OF MAINE  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 528, L.D. 756, Bill, "An Act to Enhance the Protection of Children Who Have Been Removed from Their Homes"

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

'22 MRSA §4063-A is enacted to read:

§4063-A. Medical and psychological examination

1. Physical examination required. The department shall ensure that a child ordered into its custody receives an appointment for a medical examination by a licensed physician or nurse practitioner within 10 working days after the department's custody of the child commences.

2. Psychological assessment. If the physician or nurse practitioner who performs a physical examination pursuant to subsection 1 determines that a psychological assessment of the child is appropriate, the department shall ensure that an appointment is obtained for such an assessment within 30 days of the physical examination.

FISCAL NOTE

The Department of Human Services can absorb the costs associated with obtaining appointments for a child ordered into its custody within budgeted resources.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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6 This amendment removes the bill's requirement that alternate  
practical permanent plans be developed for children 5 years of  
age or younger who are taken into the custody of the Department  
8 of Human Services.

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12 It amends a section in the bill that would have required  
that children taken into custody receive medical and  
psychological exams within certain time frames. The amendment  
requires only that appointments for those services be made within  
14 the time frames.

Reported by the Committee on Human Resources  
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