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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 776, L.D. 1108, "Resolve,
To Require the Department of Human Services to Inform Certain
Persons of their Rights"

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title
and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the
following:

'Information sheet; preparation; distribution. Resolved: That the
Department of Human Services shall prepare an information sheet,
written in easily understandable language, that clearly outlines
the rights of people who are the subjects of child protective
services investigation by the department, the procedures
available to the Department of Human Services and the
consequences of those procedures. The Department of Human
Services shall expeditiously provide a copy of this information
sheet to these people. If the department determines that
providing the information sheet would cause the threat of serious
harm to the child or another person, the department shall provide
the information sheet as soon as it is possible to do so without
causing a threat of serious harm.

FISCAL NOTE

This resolve requires the Department of Human Services to
prepare an information sheet for distribution to persons under
child protective services investigation by the Department of
Human Services. The Department of Human Services can absorb the
costs associated with preparing and distributing the information
sheet within its budgeted resources.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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6 This amendment requires the Department of Human Services to
prepare an information sheet for distribution to people under
child protective services investigation by the Child and Family
8 Services unit of the Department of Human Services. The
information sheet must inform people of their rights and the
10 procedures available to the Department of Human Services. The
department must expeditiously provide the information sheet to
12 persons under investigation. If providing the information sheet
at a particular time would cause a threat of serious harm to the
14 child or another person, however, the department may delay
providing the information sheet until a threat of serious harm
16 would not be created.

Reported by the Committee on Judiciary
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