

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1991

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No. 1455

S.P. 551

In Senate, April 11, 1991

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

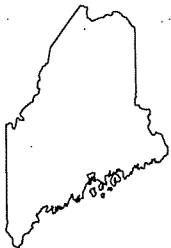
Presented by President PRAY of Penobscot

Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot, Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake and Representative MANNING of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**Resolve, to Conduct an Independent Review of the Department of
Human Services.**



2 **Sec. 1. Independent review. Resolved:** That the Legislature is
3 authorized to hire an independent management firm to conduct a
4 complete review of the social service programs of the Department
5 of Human Services to include:

6 1. An assessment of current social service programs and
7 services identifying any duplication of effort or inefficiencies
8 in management and administration;

10 2. A review of the current payment system and procedures
11 for contracted services, individuals, child support collections,
12 day care providers and others who rely on financial support from
13 the department and recommendations to streamline payment systems;

14 3. A review of the current service delivery system with
15 recommendations for the establishment of a centralized,
16 single-entry, one-client-family-to-one-worker approach to service
17 delivery;

18 4. A review of expenditures of the department and
19 recommendations for reducing administrative overhead;

20 5. An assessment of current management practices including
21 consideration of measures to reduce delays in service provision;

22 6. A review of the rules promulgated by the department with
23 the goals of reducing delays in the provision of services,
24 unnecessary regulatory requirements, administrative costs and
25 confusion for citizens, medical professionals and agencies;

26 7. Consideration of reducing the size of the department and
27 improving service delivery; and

28 8. A review of current child protective services, to
29 determine any needed revisions in approach to, coordination of,
30 or delivery of services; and be it further

31 **Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That the firm hired to conduct this
32 review shall submit its report, together with any necessary
33 implementing legislation, to the First Regular Session of the
34 116th Legislature and to the Office of the Executive Director of
35 the Legislative Council by November 1, 1992; and be it further

36 **Sec. 3. Surcharge imposed; transfer of funds. Resolved:** That a
37 surcharge of 8% for fiscal year 1991-92 only may be assessed on
38 special revenue collections of the Department of Human Services.
39 This surcharge applies to the following accounts of the
40 Department of Human Services: Account #04305.1, Human Services
41 Administration; Account #04310.1, Bureau of Health; Account
42 #04310.2, Special Revenue - Health; Account #04310.5, Control
43 Over
44 Plumbing;

2 Account #04310.6, Public Health Laboratory; Account #04315.1,
Bureau of Medical Services; and Account #04185.5, Board of
4 Certification of Water Treatment.

6 All revenue collected as a result of the 8% surcharge is
transferred as undedicated revenue to the General Fund and must
8 be transferred by June 30, 1992.

10 Once the amount of \$125,000 has been collected and
transferred to the General Fund the surcharge will cease; and be
12 it further

14 **Sec. 4. Allocation. Resolved:** That the following funds are
allocated from the Department of Human Services to carry out the
16 purposes of this resolve.

18 1991-92

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24 All Other

\$125,000

26 Provides funds for hiring an
independent management firm
28 to conduct a complete
evaluation of the Department
of Human Services. A
30 one-time surcharge of 8% on
the Department of Human
32 Services revenue collections
will be used to fund this
34 independent review.

36 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

38 This resolve provides funds for hiring an independent
40 management firm to conduct a complete evaluation of the
Department of Human Services.
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