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2	L.D. 2297
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8	STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10	115TH LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION
12	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1633, L.D. 2297, "Resolve
14	to Ensure Protection and Family Support for Maine's Children"
16	Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the emergency preamble and before the emergency clause and inserting
18	in its place the following:
20	'Sec. 1. Comprehensive review. Resolved: That the Department of Human Services shall conduct a comprehensive review of
22	protective and family support services for children. Is conducting the review, the department shall:
24	 Identify state, local, public and private resources
26	available for provision of services to children who are abused or neglected;
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30	Identify areas of need in order to make recommendations to enhance the State's child protective services system;
32	3. Determine the extent to which state and federal dollars
34	might be increased for those services currently provided or for added services;
36	4. Review the protective case system of the Department of Human Services to determine the extent to which protective
38	services might be further developed through additional community services activities;
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42	5. Determine how local communities and agencies might become more involved in planning and resource allocation and development and how the State's role in planning, resource

development and technical assistance can be increased to support

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local communities;

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	Determine what, if any, statutory, regulatory or police
2	changes are necessary to allow or support an increased role fo
	local communities and contracted service agencies in the
4	provision of protective services;
6 .	7. Determine what, if any, statutory changes are necessar
	to allow or support maximization of federal funding sources fo
8	local expenditures, as well as technical, regulatory of
	procedural changes in the Department of Human Services that ma
10	be necessary to maximize the use of federal resources in support
	of local programs and services; and
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14	8. Determine whether adequate mechanisms exist to enable
14	families, providers, state employees and citizens to reques further action when they believe that the State's chil
16	protective services system is not responding appropriately t
	abuse or neglect; and be it further
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	Sec. 2. Establishment of oversight committee; consultation
20	Resolved: That the Department of Human Services, in conducting
	this comprehensive review, shall establish and consult with a
22	oversight committee consisting of appropriate state agencies
	local provider agencies involved with children in need o
24	protection and other appropriate representatives, including, bu
	not limited to:
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20	1. Chiefs of Police;
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	4. Superintendents of school administrative units;
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	5. Maine Municipal Association;
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	6. Child abuse and neglect councils;
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	Mental health centers;
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	Principals and special education directors;

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of protection;

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- 12. Other groups and individuals the department finds appropriate; and be it further
- Sec. 3. Coordination with Medicaid Plan for Children and Families. Resolved: That the Department of Human Services shall coordinate the development of this comprehensive review with the implementation of the Medicaid Plan for Children and Families developed pursuant to Resolve 1989, chapter 103. In so doing, the Department of Human Services shall:

1. Determine the implications of the Medicaid Plan for 12 Children and Families for increasing support of other state, local, public and private agencies in the provision of protective 14 services:

- 2. Identify local dollars that may be available for match by any appropriate federal source; and
- 3. Identify any state, local or private resources to assist in the maximization of available federal resources; and be it further
- Sec. 4. Staffing; funding. Resolved: That the Department of Human Services shall provide support staff and funds for contracted consultant services within its existing resources to conduct the comprehensive review; and be it further
- Sec. 5. Report. Resolved: That the oversight committee established in section 2 shall submit an interim report to the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources and the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs by September 1, 1992. The oversight committee shall submit a final report to the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources and the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs by November 15, 1992.

The Department of Human Services shall review the final report of the oversight committee and develop a comprehensive plan. The department shall submit its plan to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over human resources matters and appropriations and financial affairs by March 1, 1993. The plan must outline the department's response to the findings of the oversight committee and must include any necessary implementing legislation. The department shall implement recommendations prior to submitting its plan if possible, and shall defer only those changes that require legislative approval; and be it further

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	Sec. 6. Access to information. Resolved: That, notwithstanding
2	the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 4008, subsection 1,
	the department may disclose relevant records that contain
4	personally identifying information and are created in connection with the department's child protective activities or activities
6	related to a child while in the care or custody of the department
	to members of the oversight committee established in section 2.
8	Members of the oversight committee are subject to the provisions
v	of Title 22, section 4008, subsection 4; and be it further
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	Sec. 7. Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds are
12	appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of
	this resolve.
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	Administration - Social Services
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	All Other \$7,500
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	recommendations of the oversight committee.'
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20	Further amend the resolve by inserting before the statement
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	APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS
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	General Fund \$7,500
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	This bill provides a General Fund appropriation to the
40	Department of Human Services in the amount of \$7,500 in fiscal
	year 1992-93 for consultant services to develop a comprehensive
42	plan for protective and family support services for children and
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be absorbed by the Department of Human Services utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

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amendment requires that the oversight committee established by the Department of Human Services develop its recommendations prior to the department's development of a plan. It also moves the reporting date for the plan from January 15 to March 1, 1993.

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The amendment broadens the charge and membership of the oversight committee and gives the committee access confidential information.

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The amendment also adds an appropriation section and fiscal note to the resolve.

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