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118TH LEGISLATURE
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 738, L.D. 1002, Bill, "An Act Requiring the Department of Human Services to Provide Custodial History of Children in the Care of the Department"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4066 is enacted to read:

§4066. Annual report

The department shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters by January 1st each year covering the operations of the Bureau of Child and Family Services and the experience of the department with foster care and adoptions of children in the care and custody of the department, including but not limited to the following topics:

1. Types of reports. A listing of the types of reports on the operations of the Bureau of Child and Family Services that are available to the public, including a notice on how the public can request those reports;

2. Listing of services. A listing of services provided to children and their families and foster families and any services needed but not provided by the department, and a listing of problems experienced by children and their families and foster families;

3. Custody. The number of children in the care and custody of the department, the average and median lengths of their custody and the number who were previously in the custody of the department;

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2 4. Reunification efforts. The number of children in the
4 care and custody of the department in the process of
reunification efforts, and the number in which parental rights
have been terminated or are in the process of termination;

6 5. Adoption. The number of children in the care and
8 custody of the department available for adoption and the number
of children adopted, identifying special needs and nonspecial
10 needs; the number receiving adoption assistance; and the number
adopted by their foster parents;

12 6. Out-of-state placement. The number of children in the
14 care and custody of the department placed out-of-state for
hospitalization and residential care and the costs for each; and

16 7. Analysis. An analysis of any major initiatives planned
18 by the department to improve the functioning of the Bureau of
Child and Family Services and the delivery of services to
20 children in the care and custody of the department and their
families and foster families.'

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24 **SUMMARY**

26 This amendment allocates the language in the committee
28 amendment to the Maine Revised Statutes.

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