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118TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1125, L.D. 1581, Bill, "An Act to Improve the Child Development Services System and Encourage Collaboration in Early Childhood Programs with School Administrative Units"

Amend the bill in section 7 in paragraph C in subparagraph (15) in the first line (page 3, line 47 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and" and inserting in its place the following: 'and'

Further amend the bill in section 7 in paragraph C in subparagraph (16) in the last line (page 4, line 3 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and" and inserting in its place the following: 'and'

Further amend the bill in section 7 in paragraph C by inserting at the end the following:

'(17) Frequency and intensity of developmental therapy and special instruction services; and'

Further amend the bill in section 9 in subsection 1 in paragraph F in the first line (page 4, line 40 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and"

Further amend the bill in section 9 in subsection 1 in paragraph G in the last line (page 4, line 43 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "services;" the following: 'and'

Further amend the bill in section 9 in subsection 1 by inserting at the end the following:

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2       'H. Frequency and intensity of developmental therapy and  
4       special instruction services;'

6       Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 18.

8       Further amend the bill in section 20 in that part designated  
10       "**§7734-C.**" in the first paragraph by striking out all of the  
12       first sentence (page 7, lines 44 to 47 in L.D.) and inserting in  
14       its place the following:

16       'The council shall provide to the joint standing committee  
18       ~~on of the Legislature having jurisdiction over~~ educational  
20       ~~matters a-yearly and to the commissioner an annual~~ report on the  
22       ~~Child-Development-Services-System~~ early intervention system in  
24       the State.'

26       Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the  
28       summary the following:

30       **Sec. 21. Task Force to Study the Cost-effectiveness of the Child**  
32       **Development Services System.**

34       **1. Establishment and duties.** The Task Force to Study the  
36       Cost-effectiveness of the Child Development Services System,  
38       referred to in this section as the "task force," is established.  
40       The task force has the following duties.

42       A. The task force shall study and make recommendations  
44       regarding the most efficient and cost-effective manner in  
46       which the Child Development Services System could achieve  
48       greater administrative efficiency and economy.

50       B. The task force shall review and make recommendations  
52       regarding the cost-effectiveness of hiring professional  
54       staff to be employed at the regional child development  
56       services sites as compared to contracting for services with  
58       nonprofit and for-profit service providers.

60       **2. Membership.** The task force consists of 18 members  
62       appointed as follows:

64       A. Six Legislators, 2 of whom must be members of the Senate  
66       and 4 of whom must be members of the House of  
68       Representatives, appointed jointly by the President of the  
70       Senate and the Speaker of the House;

72       B. The Commissioner of Education, or a designee;

74       C. The Commissioner of Human Services, or a designee;

2 D. The Commissioner of Mental Health, Mental Retardation  
and Substance Abuse Services, or a designee;

4 E. Two members representing nonprofit and for-profit  
6 service providers, one of whom must be a clinical  
8 professional and one of whom must be a developmental  
therapist, appointed jointly by the President of the Senate  
and the Speaker of the House;

10 F. Two members representing parents whose children receive  
12 services through the system, appointed jointly by the  
President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House;

14 G. One member representing Child Development Services  
16 System site directors, designated by the Child Development  
Services System site directors;

18 H. One member representing Child Development Services System  
20 site board members, designated by the Child Development  
Services System site board members;

22 I. One member representing public school special education  
24 directors, designated by the Maine Association of Directors  
of Services for Children with Exceptionalities;

26 J. One member representing community health nurses with  
28 experience in providing community health services to  
children with developmental needs, designated by the Maine  
30 State Nurses Association; and

32 K. One member representing the organizational development  
34 profession, appointed jointly by the President of the Senate  
and the Speaker of the House.

36 All appointments must be made no later than 15 days following the  
38 effective date of this Act. The appointing authorities shall  
notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council upon  
40 making their appointments. When the appointment of all members  
is complete, the Chair of the Legislative Council shall call and  
42 convene the first meeting of the task force no later than  
September 15, 1997. The task force shall select a chair from  
among its legislative members.

44 3. **Staff assistance.** The task force may request staffing  
46 and clerical assistance from the Legislative Council.

48 4. **Reimbursement.** The task force members who are  
Legislators are entitled to receive the legislative per diem, as  
50 defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, and

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reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses for each day's attendance at meetings of the task force. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall administer the task force's budget.

**5. Report.** The task force shall submit its report with any accompanying legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature by January 1, 1998.

**Sec. 22. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1997-98	1998-99
<b>LEGISLATURE</b>		
<b>Task Force to Study the Cost-effectiveness of the Child Development Services System</b>		
Personal Services	\$1,980	\$1,980
All Other	1,800	2,300
Provides funds for the per diem and expenses of legislative members and miscellaneous costs, including printing, of the Task Force to Study the Effectiveness of the Child Development Services System.		
<b>LEGISLATURE TOTAL</b>	<u>\$3,780</u>	<u>\$4,280</u>

Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

**FISCAL NOTE**

	1997-98	1998-99
<b>APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS</b>		
General Fund	\$3,780	\$4,280

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2           The Legislature will require additional General Fund  
4 appropriations of \$3,780 and \$4,280 in fiscal years 1997-98 and  
6 1998-99, respectively, for the per diem and expenses of  
8 legislative members and miscellaneous costs, including printing,  
10 of the Task Force to Study the Cost-effectiveness of the Child  
12 Development Services System. The additional costs associated  
14 with providing staffing and clerical assistance to the task force  
during the interim between sessions can be absorbed by the  
Legislature utilizing existing budgeted resources. If the task  
force requests staffing assistance during the legislative  
session, the Legislature may require additional General Fund  
appropriations for contracted staff.

16           The additional costs associated with participating as  
18 members of the task force can be absorbed by the Department of  
20 Education, the Department of Human Services and the Department of  
Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services  
utilizing existing budgeted resources.

22           The costs associated with adopting additional rules can also  
24 be absorbed by the Department of Education utilizing existing  
budgeted resources.'

### SUMMARY

26           This amendment strikes out provisions of the bill regarding  
28 the frequency and intensity of early intervention services and  
30 instead directs the Department of Education to develop rules  
32 addressing these matters. This amendment also restores the  
34 requirement that the Interdepartmental Coordinating Council for  
Early Intervention report annually to the joint standing  
committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education  
and cultural affairs. This amendment also establishes a task  
force to review and make recommendations regarding:

36           1. Whether or not the consolidation of regional sites in  
38 the Child Development Services System could achieve greater  
40 administrative efficiency and economy; and

42           2. The cost-effectiveness of hiring professional staff to  
44 be employed at the regional Child Development Services Systems  
sites as compared to contracting for services with nonprofit and  
for-profit services providers.

46           Finally, this amendment adds an appropriation section and a  
fiscal note to the bill.