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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1595, L.D. 2225, Bill, "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Commission on Children's Health Care"

Amend the bill in Part A in section 1 in subsection 1 in the 9th line (page 1, line 43 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "18" and inserting in its place the following: '19'

Further amend the bill in Part A in section 2 in that part designated "§3174-R." in subsection 2 in the 3rd line (page 2, line 19 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "18" and inserting in its place the following: '19'

Further amend the bill in Part A in section 2 in that part designated "§3174-R." by adding after subsection 8 the following:

'9. Provisions applicable to federally recognized American Indian tribes. The commissioner shall enter into consultation with federally recognized American Indian tribes nations, bands or other groups in order to ensure that children who are members of those tribes, nations, bands or other groups eligible for the Cub Care program may participate in the program. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, in order to implement any decisions reached as a result of consultation under this subsection, the commissioner shall adopt rules regarding the eligibility and participation of children who are members of those tribes, nations, bands or other groups. Consultation must cover, but is not limited to, the following:

A. The conceptual development of the Cub Care program, eligibility standards and methodology, outreach, referral and coordination and procedures to be used to ensure the provision of Cub Care assistance to eligible children who are members of those tribes, nations, bands or other groups;

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B. Coordination of coverage with care funded through the federal Indian Health Service, participation and reimbursement of providers of health care who participate in Indian Health Service programs and the role of traditional Indian healing;

C. Eligibility and cost-sharing; and

D. Coordination with other health care programs and health insurance.'

Further amend the bill in Part A in section 2 in that part designated "~~§3174-R.~~" in subsection 9 in the first line (page 7, line 9 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "~~9. Rulemaking.~~" and inserting in its place the following: '~~10. Rulemaking.~~'

Further amend the bill in Part A by striking out all of section 4 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. A-4. Children's Health Reserve Account; lapsed balances. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, \$3,384,169 in fiscal year 1998-99, \$4,478,437 in fiscal year 1999-2000 and \$137,394 in fiscal year 2000-01 from available balances in the Children's Health Reserve Account, Other Special Revenue, established by PL 1997, chapter 560, Part C lapse to the General Fund.'

Further amend the bill in Part A by striking out all of section 6 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. A-6. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1998-99

HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Family Independence - Regional

Positions - Legislative Count	(7,000)
Personal Services	\$229,299
All Other	56,800
TOTAL	<u>286,099</u>

Provides funds to support the additional eligibility determination costs of extending Medicaid and Cub

2 Care coverage to additional
 children, including funds for
 7 Income Maintenance
 4 Specialist positions and
 related costs.

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Bureau of Medical Services

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10	Positions - Legislative Count	(1,000)
	Personal Services	48,272
	All Other	2,500
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	TOTAL	50,772

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16 Provides funds to support one
 Social Services Program
 18 Manager position and related
 costs.

20 Bureau of Medical Services

22	All Other	77,894
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24 Provides funds to support the
 state share of outreach costs.

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Medical Care - Payments to Providers

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30	All Other	1,166,062
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32 Provides funds for the state
 share of the costs of
 expanding Medicaid coverage
 34 to children whose family
 incomes are below 150% of the
 36 federal poverty level.

38 Medical Care - Payments to Providers

40	All Other	633,589
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42 Provides funds for the state
 share of the costs associated
 44 with the Cub Care program.

46 Medical Care - Payments to Providers

48	All Other	1,134,743
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50 Provides funds for the state
 share of the additional

2	Medicaid benefit costs due to outreach efforts.	
4	OMB Operations - Regional	
6	Positions - Legislative Count	(1,000)
	Personal Services	25,890
8	All Other	7,150
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12	TOTAL	<u>33,040</u>
14	Provides funds to support the additional eligibility determination costs of 16 extending Medicaid coverage to additional children, 18 including funds for one Clerk Typist II position and 20 related costs.	
22	DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES	
	TOTAL	<u>3,382,199</u>
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	LEGISLATURE	
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28	Maine Commission on Children's Health Care	
30	Personal Services	770
	All Other	1,200
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34	TOTAL	<u>1,970</u>
36	Provides funds for the per diem and expenses of legislative members and 38 miscellaneous costs, including printing, of the 40 Maine Commission on 42 Children's Health Care.	
44	LEGISLATURE	
	TOTAL	<u>1,970</u>
46	TOTAL	
	APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$3,384,169'</u>
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2 Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any
4 nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
consecutively.

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

10 FISCAL NOTE

12 1998-99

14 APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

16	General Fund	\$3,384,169
	Other Funds	8,839,689

18 REVENUES

20	General Fund	\$3,384,169
22	Other Funds	8,839,689

24 This bill has no net General Fund impact in fiscal years
1998-99 and 1999-2000. The additional General Fund costs of this
26 bill in fiscal years 1998-99 and 1999-2000 are offset by the
requirement that available balances from the Children's Health
28 Reserve Account, Other Special Revenue lapse to the General
Fund. The \$8,000,000 in the Children's Health Reserve Account is
30 sufficient to offset the General Fund costs such that the bill
has no net General Fund cost in fiscal year 1998-99 or fiscal
32 year 1999-2000. However, the estimated balance in the account in
fiscal year 2000-01, \$137,394, only partially offsets the total
34 projected General Fund cost for that fiscal year, approximately
\$4,740,000, resulting in a net General Fund cost in fiscal year
36 2000-01 of approximately \$4,600,000. The amounts lapsing to the
General Fund are considered "adjustments to balance."

38 This bill provides the Department of Human Services with
40 General Fund appropriations totaling \$3,382,199, Federal
Expenditure Fund allocations totaling \$2,505,929 and Federal
42 Block Grant allocations totaling \$6,333,760 in fiscal year
1998-99.

44 The total amount funded in fiscal year 1998-99 is
46 \$12,221,888: \$4,905,603 to expand Medicaid coverage to children
whose family incomes are below 150% of the federal poverty level,
48 \$2,665,499 for the net of premiums cost of the Cub Care program,
\$3,368,190 for additional Medicaid costs resulting from outreach

2 efforts, \$954,899 for administrative costs, including funds for
24 positions and \$327,697 for outreach programs.

4 This bill also provides a General Fund appropriation of
\$1,970 in fiscal year 1998-99 to the Legislature for costs
6 associated with continuing the Maine Commission on Children's
Health Care.'

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10 **SUMMARY**

12 This amendment changes 2 drafting errors in the bill,
amending the eligibility age for children in the Medicaid program
14 and the Cub Care program from "under age 18" as mistakenly
printed to read "under age 19" in both provisions as was intended
16 by the Maine Commission on Children's Health Care. It also moves
the appropriation of \$1,970 for the expenses of the Maine
18 Commission on Children's Health Care from fiscal year 1997-98 to
fiscal year 1998-99. It corrects financial and narrative entries
20 in the bill connected to this change. It directs the
Commissioner of Human Services to enter into a consultation
22 process with federally recognized American Indian tribes,
nations, bands or other groups and to adopt rules with regard to
24 the participation of children who are members of those tribes,
nations, bands or other groups.

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28 It adds an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the
bill.