

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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The House Calendar

The Advance Journal and Calendar of the House of Representatives

ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH MAINE LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

27th Legislative Day

Thursday, April 6, 2000

Calling of the House to Order by Speaker.

Prayer by the Reverend James Doherty, C.S.C., Most Holy Trinity Parish, Saco.

Colors presented by the Massabesic Navy Junior ROTC Color Guard.

National Anthem by Massabesic High School Chorus.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Reading of the Journal of yesterday.

G. Steven Rowe, Speaker

Joseph W. Mayo, Clerk

ORDERS

(4-1) On motion of Representative WATSON of Farmingdale, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 1936) (Cosponsored by Senator LONGLEY of Waldo and Representatives: COWGER of Hallowell, FULLER of Manchester, KANE of Saco, NASS of Acton, SAVAGE of Buxton, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, WESTON of Montville, Senator: PARADIS of Aroostook)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Select Committee to Study Child Development Services is established as follows.

1. Committee established. The Joint Select Committee to Study Child Development Services, referred to in this order as the "committee," is established.

2. Membership. The committee consists of the following members:

A. Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, one of whom is a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services and one of whom is a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs; and

B. Four members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House, one of whom is a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and one of whom is a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services.

3. Chairs. The first named Senate member is the Senate chair and the first named House of Representatives member is the House chair.

4. Appointments; convening committee. All appointments must be made immediately following the passage of this order. The chairs of the committee shall call and convene the first meeting of the committee no later than April 5, 2000.

5. Duties. The committee shall review proposed rules of the Maine Department of Education, chapter 180, Early Intervention and Special Education for Children Age Birth to Age Six, including the use of the school year model for delivery of services to 3- to 5-year olds, the prohibition of contract evaluators from also providing services to the child evaluated, compliance with federal law and regulation regarding the Medicaid program and other issues identified by the committee. The committee shall consider alternatives to the approaches proposed in chapter 180.

6. Staff assistance. Upon approval of the Legislative Council, the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis shall provide necessary staffing services to the committees.

7. Compensation. Members of the committee are entitled to receive the legislative per diem, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, and reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses for attendance at meetings of the committee.

8. Report. The committee shall submit a report on the issues studied with any recommended legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature no later than April 7th. If the commission requires an extension of time to make its report, it may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant the extension.

9. Committee budget. The chairs of the committee, with assistance from the committee staff, shall administer the committee's budget. Within 10 days after its first meeting, the committee shall present a work plan and proposed budget to the Legislative Council for its approval. The committee may not incur expenses that would result in the committee's exceeding its approved budget. Upon request from the committee, the Executive Director of the Legislative Council or the executive director's designee shall provide the committee chairs and staff with a status report on the committee's budget, expenditures incurred and paid and available funds.