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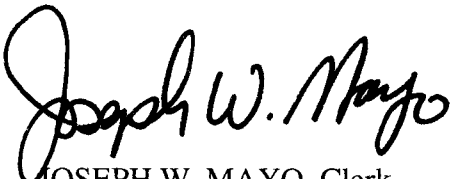
H.P. 297

House of Representatives, January 14, 1999

**An Act to Require That the State of Maine Comply with Federal Public Law 96-272, the Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act of 1980.**

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Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative PLOWMAN of Hampden.  
Cosponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot and  
Representatives: JOY of Crystal, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, MADORE of Augusta,  
NASS of Acton, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, STEDMAN of Hartland, TUTTLE of Sanford,  
Senator: AMERO of Cumberland.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

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**Sec. 1. Compliance and report.** The Department of Human Services shall comply with 42 United States Code, Chapter 7, Subchapter IV, Part E, as amended, giving particular attention to the requirements concerning the preference for placement of children in foster care with relatives. The department shall report the details of the State's compliance status to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary by December 15, 1999.

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### **SUMMARY**

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This bill requires the State to comply with the Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act of 1980, as amended, especially with regard to the placement of children in foster care with relatives. This bill requires the Department of Human Services to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary by December 15, 1999 on compliance with that Act.

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