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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
119TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B " to S.P. 390, L.D. 1169, Bill, "An Act to Improve the Accountability of the Maine Children's Trust and to Explicitly Include High-quality Child Care as an Integral Part of its Mission"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, to Improve the Accountability of the Maine Children's Trust'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. Study committee. Resolved: That there is established the Maine Children's Trust Study Committee, referred to in this section as the "committee," to review the Maine Children's Trust, Incorporated, referred to in this section as the "trust."

1. Membership. The President of the Senate shall appoint 2 Senators, one from each major political party, 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 Taxation. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint 3 Representatives, at least one from each major political party, 2 of whom are members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services and one of whom is a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation. The first-named Senator is the Senate chair and the first-named Representative is the House chair. All appointments must be made within 30 days following the effective date of this resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council upon making their appointments.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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2 Provides funds for the per diem and expenses
of the legislative members of the Maine
4 Children's Trust Study Committee.

6 **LEGISLATURE**

TOTAL

\$2,600'

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

12 **FISCAL NOTE**

14 **1999-00**

16 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

18 General Fund

\$2,600

20 This bill includes an additional General Fund appropriation
22 to the Legislature in the amount of \$2,600 in fiscal year 1999-00
for the per diem and expenses of legislative members of the Maine
24 Children's Trust Study Committee.

26 The additional costs associated with providing staffing
assistance to the study committee during the interim between
28 legislative sessions can be absorbed by the Legislature utilizing
existing budgeted resources. If an extension of the reporting
30 deadline is granted and the study committee requires staffing
assistance during the legislative session, the Legislature may
32 require an additional General Fund appropriation to contract for
staff services.'

34 **SUMMARY**

36 This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing
38 Committee on Health and Human Services. The amendment changes
the bill into a resolve, and changes the title. It replaces the
40 provisions of the bill with the Maine Children's Trust Study
Committee to review the mission, performance and accountability
42 of the Maine Children's Trust. It also adds an appropriation
section and a fiscal note to the bill.
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