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**BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 486, L.D. 1446, Bill, "An Act to Create the Business Advisory Commission on Quality Child Care Financing"

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

**'Resolve, to Create the Business Advisory Commission on Quality Child Care Financing'**

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

**'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and**

**Whereas, encouraging and providing financing for quality child care and early education services and facilities is vitally important to economic growth and the well-being of the citizens of this State; and**

**Whereas, it is therefore important that the Business Advisory Commission on Quality Child Care Financing established by this legislation be appointed and start its work before the expiration of the 90-day period in order to have sufficient time to complete its work before its reporting deadline; and**

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Commission created. Resolved:** That the Business Advisory Commission on Quality Child Care Financing, referred to in this resolve as the "commission," is created to examine the important issues of public policy regarding strategies to secure adequate financing of child care facilities and services in order to promote economic growth and the general welfare of the people of this State; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Members. Resolved:** That the commission consists of 12 members appointed as follows:

1. Two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, at least one of whom is a member of the minority party;

2. Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, at least one of whom is a member of the minority party;

3. The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, or the commissioner's designee;

4. The State Tax Assessor, or the State Tax Assessor's designee;

5. Five members of the public, representing business, education and child care interests, appointed as follows: one member representing business and one member representing education, appointed by the President of the Senate; one member representing child care and one member representing business, appointed by the Speaker of the House; and one member representing business, appointed by the Governor; and

6. A representative from the child care licensing division of the Department of Human Services; and be it further

**Sec. 3. Appointments; first meeting. Resolved:** That appointments of the first members of the commission must be made no later than 30 days after the effective date of this section. The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development or the commissioner's designee shall convene the first meeting of the commission no later than 60 days after the effective date of this section; and be it further

**Sec. 4. Quorum. Resolved:** That a quorum of the commission is 7 members, and the affirmative vote of at least 7 members of the commission is necessary to conduct business; and be it further

**Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission has the following duties:

1. Gathering information pertaining to quality child care and early education, the financing of quality child care and early education and economic development incentives available to encourage the development of quality child care and early education facilities and services; and

2. Analyzing the effectiveness of economic development incentives available to encourage the development of quality child care and early education facilities and services in this State and in other states and countries; and be it further

**Sec. 6. Staffing. Resolved:** That the Department of Economic and Community Development shall provide staff assistance to the commission; and be it further

**Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That the commission shall submit its report no later than December 1, 2000 to the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, the Commissioner of Education, the Commissioner of Human Services, the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development, the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services including the findings and recommendations of the commission and any proposed legislation regarding the development of quality child care facilities and services and economic development incentives to encourage the development of quality child care facilities and services; and be it further

**Sec. 8. Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

	1999-00	2000-01
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<b>Business Advisory Commission on Quality Child Care Financing</b>		
Personal Services	\$2,970	\$2,970
All Other	3,200	3,200

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 486, L.D. 1446

Provides funds for the per diem and expenses of legislative and other eligible members for 6 meetings in each fiscal year of the Business Advisory Commission on Quality Child Care Financing and funds to print the required report.

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**TOTAL**

\$6,170

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**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.'

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

**FISCAL NOTE**

**1999-00**

**2000-01**

**APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

General Fund

\$6,170

\$6,170

This bill includes additional General Fund appropriations of \$6,170 in each of fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01 for the Legislature for the per diem and expenses of legislative and other eligible members for 6 meetings in each fiscal year of the Business Advisory Commission on Quality Child Care Financing and funds to print the required report.

The Department of Economic and Community Development, the Department of Human Services and Maine Revenue Services will incur some minor additional costs to participate as members of the commission. These costs can be absorbed within the agencies' existing budgeted resources.

The additional costs associated with providing staff assistance to the commission can be absorbed by the Department of Economic and Community Development utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

**SUMMARY**

2           This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve. This  
4 amendment changes the annual reporting date of the Business  
6 Advisory Commission on Quality Child Care Financing to a one-time  
8 reporting date of December 1, 2000. The amendment deletes  
reference to terms of commission members. The amendment also  
adds a representative from the child care licensing division of  
the Department of Human Services to the commission. The  
10 amendment also adds an appropriation section and a fiscal note to  
the bill.