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An Act to Create the Business Advisory Commission on Quality Child Care Financing.

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Business and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

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JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LONGLEY of Waldo. Cosponsored by Speaker ROWE of Portland and Senators: AMERO of Cumberland, BENNETT of Oxford, KONTOS of Cumberland, MacKINNON of York, Representatives: BOWLES of Sanford, POWERS of Rockport.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted 2 as emergencies; and

Whereas, encouraging and providing financing for quality child care and early education services and facilities is vitally 6 important to economic growth and the well-being of the citizens of this State; and 8

Whereas, it is therefore important that the Business 10 Advisory Commission on Quality Child Care Financing established by this Act be appointed and start its work before the expiration 12 of the 90-day period in order to have sufficient time to complete its work before its reporting deadline; and 14

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts 16 create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately 18 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and 20 safety; now, therefore,

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

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Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§6-F is enacted to read:

26	<u>6-F.</u>	Business	<u>Legislative</u>	5 MRSA
	<u>Economic</u>	<u>Advisory</u>	<u>per diem</u>	<u>§13070-n</u>
28	<u>Development</u>	<u>Commission</u>	and	
		<u>on Quality</u>	<u>expenses</u>	
30		Child Care		
		Financing		

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA c. 383, sub-c. II, art. 7 is enacted to read:

## Article 7

## Investment in Facilities to Promote Public Health and Welfare

### 40 \$13070-N. Business Advisory Commission on Quality Child Care Financing

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1. Created. The Business Advisory Commission on Quality Child Care Financing, established in section 12004-I, subsection 44 6-F and referred to in this section as the "commission," is 46 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 48 the general welfare of the people of this State. 50

2	2. Members. The commission consists of 11 members appointed as follows:
4	A. Two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, at least one of whom is a member of the minority
6	party;
8	B. Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, at least one of whom is a member
10	of the minority party:
12	C. The commissioner, or the commissioner's designee;
14 16	D. The State Tax Assessor, or the State Tax Assessor's designee; and
18	E, Five members of the public, representing business, education and child care interests appointed as follows: 2
20	members by the President of the Senate; 2 members by the Speaker of the House; and one member by the Governor.
22	3. Appointments: first meeting. Appointments of the first members of the commission must be made no later than 30 days
24	after the effective date of this section. The commissioner or the commissioner's designee shall convene the first meeting of
26	the commission no later than 60 days after the effective date of this section.
28	4. Terms; vacancies. Terms of the 5 public members are for
30	3 years. A vacancy must be filled for the remainder of the term in the same manner as the original appointment is made.
32	Nonpublic members serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority or until their term of office or employment that
34	<u>qualified them for appointment ends. A quorum of the commission</u> is 6 members, and the affirmative vote of at least 6 members of
36	the commission is necessary to conduct business. Each year the members shall select a chair from among the members.
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40	5. Duties. The commission has the following duties:
4.2	A. Gathering information pertaining to quality child care
42	and early education, the financing of quality child care and early education and economic development incentives
44	available to encourage the development of quality child care and early education facilities and services;
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48	B. Analyzing the effectiveness of economic development incentives available to encourage the development of quality child care and early education facilities and services in
50	this State and in other states and countries; and

2 C. Reporting no later than December 1st of each year to the commissioner, the Commissioner of Education, the 4 Commissioner of Human Services, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over business and economic development matters, the joint standing committee 6 of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature 8 having jurisdiction over health and human services matters the findings and recommendations of the commission, 10 including any proposed legislation regarding the development 12 of guality child care facilities and services and economic development incentives to encourage the development of 14 guality child care facilities and services.

16 **6. Staffing.** The department shall provide staff assistance to the commission.

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

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SUMMARY

This bill establishes the Business Advisory Commission on 26 Quality Child Care Financing to examine the important issues of public policy pertaining to quality child care and early 28 education, the financing of quality child care and early education and economic development incentives available to 30 encourage the development of quality child care and early education facilities and services. The commission reports no 32 later than December 1st of each year to the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, the Commissioner of Education, the Commissioner of Human Services, the joint standing 34 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over business 36 and economic development matters, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters and 38 ioint standing committee the of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters.