

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, December 21, 1999

**Resolve, to Evaluate Accountability of the Child Development Services  
Delivery System.**

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 17, 1999. Referred to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative FULLER of Manchester.  
Cosponsored by Senator BERUBE of Androscoggin and  
Representatives: BAKER of Bangor, DUGAY of Cherryfield, QUINT of Portland, SAVAGE  
of Buxton, WATSON of Farmingdale, Senator: LIBBY of York.

**Sec. 1. Audit of Child Development Services System. Resolved:**

2 That the Department of Education shall contract with an  
4 independent entity to conduct an audit of the Child Development  
6 Services System, referred to in this section as "CDS," as  
8 established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section  
7724. The audit must include an assessment of the following and  
a determination of compliance with existing laws, rules and  
regulations:

10 1. The impact of changes made at CDS sites on the  
12 availability of the current provider network to serve children;

14 2. The cost effectiveness of direct CDS hires compared to  
16 costs of services from contract agencies, including all costs  
associated with delivery of services, such as overhead, space,  
support staff, equipment and supplies and staff development;

18 3. The determination of payment source for children  
20 receiving services from CDS sites compared to payment source for  
children referred to contract agencies;

22 4. The availability of the contract agencies on the  
24 effective date of this resolve and at the time CDS sites employed  
their own therapy staff;

26 5. The adequacy of the physical facilities at CDS sites  
28 compared to contract agencies for providing the specialty  
treatments needed for this population;

30 6. The use of case loads and productivity for direct hire  
32 CDS staff as a basis for determining actual cost of services;

34 7. The qualifications of direct hire staff and supervision  
of assistants as required by licensure regulations;

36 8. The adequacy of documentation and compliance with  
38 Medicaid policy by direct hires compared to contract agencies; and

40 9. The impact of CDS sites hiring their own staff on the  
small businesses previously providing services; and be it further

42 **Sec. 2. Copies of audit provided to legislative committee. Resolved:**

44 That the Department of Education shall provide copies of the  
46 audit prepared pursuant to section 1 to the joint standing  
committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education  
48 matters by December 1, 2000.

## SUMMARY

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4           This bill directs the Department of Education to contract  
6 with an independent entity to conduct an audit of the Child  
Development Services System and to assess its compliance with  
existing laws and rules.