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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1180, L.D. 1603, Bill, "An Act to Expand Family Life Education in Maine Schools"

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

'An Act to Expand Family Life Education Services in Maine Schools'

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1902, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Comprehensive family life education. "Comprehensive family life education" means education in kindergarten to grade 12 regarding human development and sexuality, including education on family planning and sexually transmitted diseases, that is medically accurate and age appropriate; that respects community values and encourages parental communication; that develops skills in communication, decision making and conflict resolution; that contributes to healthy relationships; that promotes responsible sexual behavior with an emphasis on abstinence; that addresses the use of contraception; that promotes individual responsibility and involvement regarding sexuality; and that teaches skills for responsible decision making regarding sexuality.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §§1910 AND 1911 are enacted to read:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 **§1910. Comprehensive family life education services**

4 The commissioner shall undertake initiatives to implement  
6 effective, comprehensive family life education services. In  
8 providing such services, the commissioner shall contract with  
10 local family planning programs to provide:

12 1. Training. Training for teachers, parents and community  
14 members in the development and implementation of comprehensive  
16 family life education curriculum and in planning for an  
18 evaluation component as part of comprehensive school health  
20 education;

22 2. Staff. Resource staff persons to provide expert  
24 training, curriculum development and implementation and  
26 evaluation services on a statewide basis;

28 3. Forums. Funding to promote and coordinate community and  
30 youth forums in communities identified as having high needs for  
32 comprehensive family life education;

34 4. Issue management; policy development training. Funding  
36 for issue management and policy development training for school  
38 boards, superintendents, principals and administrators across the  
40 State; and

42 5. Recognition of performance. Funding for grants to  
44 school-based comprehensive family life education programs to  
46 recognize outstanding performance and share strategies for  
48 success.

**§1911. Parental option**

To the extent that comprehensive family life education takes  
place in a school, a parent may choose to not have that parent's  
child participate in a comprehensive family life education  
program.'

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

**FISCAL NOTE**

The additional costs associated with the Department of Human  
Services undertaking initiatives to expand and enhance family  
education services can be absorbed by the department utilizing  
existing budgeted resources.'

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## SUMMARY

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This amendment replaces the bill and its title. It directs the Commissioner of Human Services to undertake initiatives in order to expand and enhance comprehensive family education services. It strengthens the language on abstinence. It removes specific reference to the Family Planning Association of Maine.

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It removes the reference to learning results. It allows a parent to not have that parent's child participate in a comprehensive family life education program. It removes the appropriation section. It adds a fiscal note.

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