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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
121ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 808, L.D. 1105, Bill, "An Act To Apply Uniform Fire Code Standards to Preschool Facilities Regardless of Funding Source"

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

'Resolve, Regarding Fire Safety Issues in Head Start Preschool Programs Located in Public Schools'

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

'Sec. 1. Advisory work group convened; duties. Resolved: That the Department of Human Services and the Department of Education, referred to in this resolve as "the departments," shall convene an advisory work group to examine and make recommendations to the departments regarding fire safety issues in Head Start preschool programs located in public schools; and be it further

Sec. 2. Advisory group membership. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Education and the Commissioner of Human Services shall jointly appoint members of the advisory work group from each of the following interested parties: the Maine Head Start Directors Association; the Office of the State Fire Marshal; the Department of Human Services, Office of Child Care and Head Start; the Department of Human Services, Division of Licensing, Child Care Licensing Unit; the Department of Education, School Facilities Services; the Department of Education, Child Development Services; and the Maine School Management Association; and be it further

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2 **Sec. 3. Chairs; convening of advisory work group. Resolved:** That
the departments shall jointly appoint cochairs of the advisory
work group. When the appointment of all advisory work group
4 members is complete, the cochairs of the advisory work group
shall call and convene the first meeting of the advisory work
6 group; and be it further

8 **Sec. 4. Recommendations and report. Resolved:** That the advisory
work group shall make recommendations to the departments by
10 November 14, 2003 regarding fire safety issues in Head Start
preschool programs located in public schools. The advisory work
12 group shall report the results of its work to the Joint Standing
Committee on Health and Human Services by January 30, 2004.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve. The
amendment deletes the provisions amending the definition of
20 "child care center" and the provisions amending the fire safety
rules for Head Start preschool programs and replaces them with a
22 requirement that the Department of Human Services and the
Department of Education convene an advisory work group to examine
24 fire safety issues in Head Start preschool programs located in
public schools.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

**121st Maine Legislature
Office of Fiscal and Program Review**



LD 1105

**An Act to Apply Uniform Fire Code Standards to Preschool Facilities
Regardless of Funding Source**

LR 0833(02)

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Human Services and the Department of Education in establishing and staffing the advisory task force can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted resources.