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

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative MILLS of Cornville.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §8301-A, sub-§1-A, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 2001,
c. 645, §6, is amended to read:

6 A. "Child care center" means:

8 (1) A house or other place in which a person maintains
10 or otherwise carries out a regular program, for
12 consideration, for any part of a day providing care and
protection for 13 or more children under 13 years of
age; or

14 (2) Any location or locations operated as a single
16 child care program or by a person or persons when there
are more than 12 children being cared for.

18 "Child care center" does not include a Head Start preschool
20 program that offers an early care and education program in a
public school.

22 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §8304-A, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

24 **4. Head Start classrooms.** Notwithstanding subsection 1,
26 the fire safety rules that apply to a preschool classroom located
28 in a public school apply to a Head Start preschool program that
is excluded from the definition of "child care center" in section
8301-A, subsection 1-A, paragraph A.

30 **SUMMARY**

32 This bill amends the definition of "child care center" to
34 exclude a Head Start preschool program that is located in a
36 public school. The bill also amends the fire safety rules so
38 that the rules that apply to preschool classrooms in a public
school also apply to Head Start preschool classrooms that are
located in a public school.