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Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Amend Its Rules Regarding Child Development Services for Children of Kindergarten Age Who Are Not Attending Kindergarten

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

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 16, 2003. 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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Presented by Representative THOMAS of Orono. Cosponsored by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot and Representative: DUNLAP of Old Town.

Sec. 1. Free, appropriate public education services for eligible 2 children of kindergarten age. Resolved: That the Department of Education shall amend or adopt rules regarding the payment and apportionment of state funds provided for free, appropriate public education services for eligible children, from 3 years of 6 age to under 6 years of age, who have a disability to include authorization for the continuation of payments for free, appropriate public education services for eliqible children who 8 are already receiving services through the Child Development 10 Services System and who reach 5 years of age between September 2nd and October 15th and whose parents have opted not to enroll 12 their children in kindergarten until the children reach 6 years of age and are no longer eligible for free, appropriate public 14 education services through the Child Development For the purposes of this section, "free, appropriate public education services" means those services as described 16 under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 7725, 18 subsection 5, and such services must be provided to eligible children at no cost to the family; and be it further

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Sec. 2. Rules. Resolved: That rules adopted pursuant to this resolve are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

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26 SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Department of Education to amend its rules regarding the provision of child development services for children of kindergarten age who are not attending kindergarten.