

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
122ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 452, L.D. 619, Bill, "An Act To Require Background Checks on All Camp Employees"

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

'Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Health To Review Youth Camp Counselor Hiring Practices'

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

'Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Health to evaluate youth camp counselor hiring practices and rules.

Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Health, in cooperation with the Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault, the Maine State Police, the Maine Youth Camping Association and the YMCA Alliance of Maine, shall evaluate the effectiveness of the bureau's rules concerning youth camp counselor hiring practices set forth in Chapter 208 of the bureau's rules to protect children attending youth camps from sexual abuse. The bureau and interested parties shall review the effectiveness of camp counselor hiring practices, including: written employment applications requesting information concerning criminal convictions, previous work history and references; reference checks; applicant interviews; and orientation and supervision of camp counselors; and be it further

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, by January 15, 2006, based on its review under section 1, the Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Health shall report its findings and any proposed recommendations regarding camp counselor hiring practices to protect children attending youth camps from sexual

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2 abuse to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and  
Public Safety. Upon receiving the bureau's recommendations, the  
4 Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety  
may report out implementing legislation if necessary.'

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**SUMMARY**

10 This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment creates a  
12 resolve that directs the Department of Health and Human Services,  
Bureau of Health, in cooperation with the Maine Coalition Against  
14 Sexual Assault, the Maine State Police, the Maine Youth Camping  
Association and the YMCA Alliance of Maine, to evaluate the  
16 effectiveness of the bureau's rules concerning camp counselor  
hiring practices to protect children attending youth camps from  
18 sexual abuse. No later than January 15, 2006, the Bureau of  
Health shall report its findings and any proposed recommendations  
20 regarding camp counselor hiring practices to protect children  
attending youth camps from sexual abuse to the Joint Standing  
22 Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. Upon receiving  
the bureau's recommendations, the Joint Standing Committee on  
Criminal Justice and Public Safety may report out implementing  
24 legislation if necessary.

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**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
(See attached)



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LD 619

LR 0150(02)

**An Act To Require Background Checks on All Camp Employees**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"**

**Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund