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House of Representatives, February 8, 2005

An Act Allowing for a Contracted Case Manager in Certain Child Welfare Cases

Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative CRAVEN of Lewiston.
Cosponsored by Senator: TURNER of Cumberland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4002, sub-§5-B** is enacted to read:

6 5-B. Department. "Department" means the department or a
8 private agency and its employees who are authorized to act on
10 behalf of the department pursuant to section 4004, subsection 4.

12 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §4004, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

14 4. Department may contract with private agency. The
16 department may contract with a private agency to perform duties
18 described in this chapter that include full case and court
20 responsibility for a child in state custody who is working toward
22 a specified case goal. A private agency contracting with the
24 department to perform duties described in this chapter has the
26 same powers as the department with respect to those duties. A
28 private agency contracting with the department is entitled to the
same immunity in law provided to the department and its employees
when performing duties under this chapter.

22 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill allows the Department of Health and Human Services
26 to contract with a private agency to perform duties within the
28 Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act that involve
full case and court responsibility when a child is in state
custody and working toward a specified case goal.