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**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
122ND LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 384, L.D. 1067, "Resolve, To Establish the Task Force To Study and Design a Child Protection Mediation System"

Amend the resolve in section 2 in the blocked paragraph in the 2nd line (page 1, line 45 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Supreme Judicial" and inserting in its place the following: 'District'

Further amend the resolve in section 4 in the last line (page 2, line 8 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "force" the following: ', which must be no later than August 1, 2005'

Further amend the resolve by striking out all of sections 5 and 6 (page 2, lines 10 to 27 in L.D.) and inserting in their place the following:

**'Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the task force shall hold meetings at various locations in the State, to be determined by the chairs. The task force shall:

1. Design a child protection mediation system;
2. Recommend qualifications for mediators;
3. Identify a stable funding source for the child protection mediation system;
4. Recommend an appropriate level of court clerk support to ensure sufficient court staffing for matters involving children; and

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

2 5. Identify and discuss other issues relevant to designing  
the system; and be it further

4 **Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the Legislative Council  
6 shall provide necessary staffing services to the task force; and  
be it further'

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### SUMMARY

12 The resolve creates the Task Force To Study and Design a  
14 Child Protection Mediation System. This amendment revises the  
language concerning the advisory member from the Judicial Branch  
16 by requiring that member to be from the District Court, which  
handles child protection cases, rather than the Supreme Judicial  
18 Court. This amendment amends the resolve to include the issue of  
sufficient court clerk support for matters involving children.  
20 This amendment also specifies the deadline for convening the task  
force and clarifies the provision regarding staff assistance.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED  
(See attached)



# 122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1067

LR 0851(02)

**Resolve, To Establish the Task Force To Study and Design a Child Protection Mediation System**

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

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Current Costs - Legislative Study

### Legislative Study

The projected costs to fund the general operating expenses of this study are \$3,840 in fiscal year 2005-06. The Legislature's budget includes \$30,000 in fiscal year 2005-06 and \$20,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 for legislative studies. Whether the amounts are sufficient to fund all studies will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature.