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H.P. 726

House of Representatives, March 1, 2005

**Resolve, Directing the Family Law Advisory Commission To Study
the Child Protection Process**

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland
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Clerk

Presented by Representative VAUGHAN of Durham.

Under suspension of the rules, cosponsored by Senator WOODCOCK of Franklin and Representatives: CAMPBELL of Newfield, CROSTHWAITE of Ellsworth, DUGAY of Cherryfield, GLYNN of South Portland, LEWIN of Eliot, LINDELL of Frankfort, LORING of the Penobscot Nation, MOULTON of York, NASS of Acton, PERRY of Calais, PILON of Saco, Senators: RAYE of Washington, ROSEN of Hancock, SULLIVAN of York.

2 **Sec. 1. Family Law Advisory Commission to study child protection**
3 **process. Resolved:** That the Family Law Advisory Commission shall
4 study the child protection hearing process, including, but not
5 limited to, the following components:

6 1. How to improve the court structure;

7 2. The feasibility of devoting more resources to family
8 court;

9 3. Expanding clerk support; and
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11 4. Increasing case management officers; and be it further
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14 **Sec. 2. Report; legislation. Resolved:** That the Family Law
15 Advisory Commission shall submit a report of its findings under
16 section 1 that includes findings and recommendations, including
17 suggested legislation, to the Second Regular Session of the 122nd
18 Legislature.
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SUMMARY

22 This resolve directs the Family Law Advisory Commission to
23 study the child protection hearing process to determine how to
24 streamline the process.
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