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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
123RD LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 45, L.D. 137, Bill, "An Act To Enact the Recommendations of the Task Force To Study Cervical Cancer Prevention, Detection and Education"

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

**'Resolve, Requiring the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention To Report on Activities To Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force To Study Cervical Cancer Prevention, Detection and Education'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. Human papillomavirus vaccination; MaineCare reporting. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of MaineCare Services shall provide information regarding the rate of human papillomavirus vaccination among MaineCare members to the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention for inclusion in the reports required under section 8; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Human papillomavirus vaccination as a priority for future funding. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services shall establish as a priority for future budget requests the need to provide sufficient resources to provide the human papillomavirus vaccination to the population of low-income females in Maine that fall into the age cohort identified by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as needing vaccination against the human papillomavirus; and be it further

**Sec. 3. Maine Immunization Program to report on program funding and vaccination distribution. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Immunization Program shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters regarding the

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1 status of program funding, the number of doses of the vaccination distributed and other  
2 relevant data available. The program shall submit an initial report to the committee no  
3 later than January 30, 2008 and a 2nd report no later than January 30, 2010. Each report  
4 must include:

5 1. Program budget information for the current year and previous 2 years, including  
6 specific information regarding expenditures on the human papillomavirus vaccine; and

7 2. Documentation of any funding shortage that exists between available funds and  
8 the expenditures required to vaccinate 80% of Maine girls with the human papillomavirus  
9 vaccine and 80% of Maine children with the other vaccines on the federal Centers for  
10 Disease Control and Prevention recommended childhood and adolescent immunization  
11 schedule; and be it further

12 **Sec. 4. Report on public education provided regarding cervical cancer.**

13 **Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Breast and  
14 Cervical Health Program, shall report on statewide public education efforts regarding  
15 cervical cancer prevention and early detection, including the importance of cervical  
16 cancer screening and the availability of the human papillomavirus vaccine.

17 The program shall report its progress and results in implementing this section to the  
18 Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and  
19 Prevention for inclusion in the initial and final evaluation reports required under section  
20 8; and be it further

21 **Sec. 5. Maine Breast and Cervical Health Program screening initiatives.**

22 **Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Breast and  
23 Cervical Health Program, referred to in this section as "the program," shall implement the  
24 following initiatives to increase and improve cervical cancer screening:

25 1. The program shall collaborate with the Family Planning Association of Maine, Inc.  
26 to develop ideas for outreach and coordination to increase cervical cancer screening  
27 among women who are ineligible for the program, particularly women under 35 years of  
28 age;

29 2. The program shall expand its special screening days. The expansion may include  
30 adding more sites, adding more screening days at current sites or a combination of these  
31 strategies, based on the program's assessed need and demand for services;

32 3. The program shall update its clinical guidelines for cervical cancer screening based  
33 on a review of the most recent clinical guidelines for cervical cancer screening published  
34 by the American Cancer Society, the American College of Obstetricians and  
35 Gynecologists and the United States Preventive Services Task Force. The program shall  
36 offer a professional education program on clinical guidelines for cervical cancer  
37 screening after it has completed the update; and

38 4. The program shall coordinate a stakeholder group, including representatives of the  
39 Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Comprehensive Cancer Control  
40 Program, the State Employee Health Commission, the American Cancer Society and  
41 health insurance carriers operating in the State, to explore options for encouraging  
42 insured individuals to make and attend medical appointments for cancer screening,  
43 including, but not limited to, cervical cancer screening.

1 The program shall report its progress and results in implementing this section to the  
2 Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and  
3 Prevention for inclusion in the reports required under section 8; and be it further

4 **Sec. 6. Cervical cancer incidence and prevention in racial and ethnic**  
5 **minority populations. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human  
6 Services, Office of Minority Health shall, in collaboration with the Department of Health  
7 and Human Services, Maine Cancer Registry, the Department of Health and Human  
8 Services, Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Department of Health and Human  
9 Services, Maine Comprehensive Cancer Control Program, convene meetings with racial  
10 and ethnic minority groups to examine cervical cancer incidence in racial and ethnic  
11 minority populations in the State and develop recommendations to improve cervical  
12 cancer prevention and early detection in these populations.

13 The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Minority Health shall  
14 report its findings and recommendations to the Department of Health and Human  
15 Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention for inclusion in the initial  
16 report required under section 8; and be it further

17 **Sec. 7. Geographic variations in cervical cancer rates. Resolved:** That the  
18 Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Cancer Registry shall, in collaboration  
19 with the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Breast and Cervical Health  
20 Program, examine geographic variation in cervical cancer rates within the State, and in  
21 particular the higher rates of cervical cancer observed in Washington County and  
22 Somerset County, and shall explore reasons for the variation. The Department of Health  
23 and Human Services, Maine Cancer Registry and the Department of Health and Human  
24 Services, Maine Breast and Cervical Health Program shall consult with the American  
25 Cancer Society, community organizations and health care providers to develop  
26 recommendations for reducing the incidence of cervical cancer in Washington County  
27 and Somerset County. The Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Cancer  
28 Registry shall report its findings and recommendations to the Department of Health and  
29 Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention for inclusion in the  
30 initial report required under section 8; and be it further

31 **Sec. 8. Evaluation of cervical cancer prevention, detection and education**  
32 **initiatives. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine  
33 Center for Disease Control and Prevention shall monitor and evaluate the State's progress  
34 in cervical cancer prevention, detection and education in response to the work of the  
35 Legislature's Task Force to Study Cervical Cancer Prevention, Detection and Education.  
36 The center shall submit 2 reports to the joint standing committee of the Legislature  
37 having jurisdiction over health and human services matters. The reports must address the  
38 progress, status and outcomes of each initiative required under this resolve. The initial  
39 report must be submitted no later than January 30, 2009, and the final report must be  
40 submitted no later than January 30, 2011. After review of the initial report, the joint  
41 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services  
42 matters may submit legislation regarding cervical cancer prevention, detection and  
43 education to the First Regular Session of the 124th Legislature. After review of the final  
44 report, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and

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1 human services matters may submit legislation regarding cervical cancer prevention,  
2 detection and education to the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature.'

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This amendment changes the bill to a resolve and changes the title.

5 It removes sections of the bill that require coverage and funding for the human  
6 papillomavirus vaccine. It removes sections of the bill that prescribe methods for  
7 carrying out a public education campaign and related to school-based education and  
8 continuing medical education. It removes sections requiring the Department of Health  
9 and Human Services to explore costs and benefits of requesting a Medicaid waiver to  
10 provide cervical cancer screening and to expand the eligibility for screening under the  
11 Maine Breast and Cervical Health Program. It removes the section requiring the Maine  
12 Quality Forum to review and report on health care system initiatives affecting the  
13 delivery of cervical cancer screening services.

14 It adds a requirement that the department make the need for sufficient resources to  
15 provide the human papillomavirus vaccination to the population of low-income females  
16 in Maine that need the vaccine a priority in future budget requests.

17 It retains the provisions in the bill requiring the department to report on expenditures  
18 and distribution of the human papillomavirus vaccine, public education efforts regarding  
19 cervical cancer, recommendations for improving cervical cancer prevention and detection  
20 in racial and ethnic minority populations, recommendations for reducing incidence of  
21 cervical cancer in Washington County and Somerset County and progress on  
22 implementing the recommendations of the Task Force To Study Cervical Cancer  
23 Prevention, Detection and Education. It requires the department to engage in these 4  
24 initiatives to improve cervical cancer screening and to report on the progress of those  
25 initiatives. It requires the department to submit an initial report to the joint standing  
26 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters  
27 no later than January 30, 2009 and a 2nd report no later than January 30, 2011. It  
28 authorizes the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health  
29 and human services matters to submit legislation to the 124th Legislature and 125th  
30 Legislature.

31 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
32 (See attached)



# 123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 137

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**An Act To Enact the Recommendations of the Task Force To Study Cervical Cancer Prevention,  
Detection and Education**

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

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs incurred by the Department of Health and Humans Services in implementing this bill can be absorbed by the department utilizing existing budget resources.