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Resolve, To Invest in Children and Families through Family Resource Centers

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative FAIRCLOTH of Bangor. Cosponsored by President EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: EATON of Sullivan, GILES of Belfast, GROSE of Woolwich, MILLER of Somerville, PINGREE of North Haven, Senators: BARTLETT of Cumberland, MARRACHÉ of Kennebec.

1 Sec. 1. Family resource centers. Resolved: That, by July 1, 2008, the 2 Department of Health and Human Services shall establish a pilot project of 6 family resource centers throughout the State. Each center shall provide an array of services and 3 4 activities, including but not limited to the following core services: parent education, child 5 development activities, resource and referral advice, drop-in availability, peer-to-peer supports, life skills education and advocacy. Each center shall collaborate with local 6 agencies providing essential core services in the same geographic region as the center. 7 8 Each center shall provide services in a manner that is flexible, integrated and responsive 9 to community needs.

10 The Maine Children's Trust or its successor organization shall administer the pilot 11 project development process using a competitive award procedure to select the centers. 12 The Maine Children's Trust shall develop a family resource center manual to reflect the 13 concepts, practices and administrative standards of the pilot project, including 14 performance measures and time frames for implementation.

15 The University of Southern Maine Muskie School of Public Service shall evaluate the 16 family resource centers to determine whether they employ quality standards for the 17 implementation of all programming and to develop effective measurement tools for 18 evaluating center outcomes; and be it further

19 Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following
 20 appropriations and allocations are made.

21 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

22 Office of Child and Family Services

Initiative: Provides funding for a pilot project to fund 6 family resource centers to
provide an array of services for families and children. Of the total of \$1,440,000, over 2
years, \$1,200,000 will fund family resource centers through the Maine Children's Trust,
\$120,000 will fund administrative costs at the Maine Children's Trust and \$120,000 will
fund evaluation through the University of Southern Maine Muskie School of Public
Service.

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30	GENERAL FUND	2007-08	2008-09
31	All Other	\$720,000	\$720,000
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33	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$720,000	\$720,000

SUMMARY

This resolve makes one-time General Fund appropriations of \$720,000 in fiscal years 2007-08 and 2008-09 for 6 family resource centers to operate throughout the State and provide an array of services to families.