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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 484, L.D. 1396, "Resolve, To Provide for an Independent Evaluation of the Procedures and Programs of the Department of Human Services for Promoting Permanency and Safety for Children"

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

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'Resolve, To Provide for an Independent Evaluation of the Procedures and Programs of the Department of Health and Human Services for Promoting Permanency and Safety for Children'

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Amend the resolve by striking out all of the emergency preamble (page 1, lines 1 to 12 in L.D.)

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Amend the resolve in section 1 in subsection 3 in the first line (page 1, line 40 in L.D.) by striking the following: "July 15, 2007" and inserting the following: 'December 1, 2007'

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Amend the resolve in section 2 in the 3rd line (page 2, line 12 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "First" and inserting the following: 'Second'

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Amend the resolve by striking out all of the emergency clause (page 2, lines 18 and 19 in L.D.)

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SUMMARY

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This amendment changes the date by which the Department of Health and Human Services must report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services from July 15, 2007 to December 1, 2007 and specifies that the committee may submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1396

LR 2249(02)

**Resolve, To Provide for an Independent Evaluation of the Procedures and Programs of the
Department of Human Services for Promoting Permanency and Safety for Children**

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

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill specifies that an independent evaluation of recent reforms in programs and services for children in the Department of Health and Human Services' care be completed within existing resources. The department believes it has recently completed such an external evaluation. If the already completed evaluation does not meet the bill's requirements, the department estimates an additional independent evaluation would have a one-time cost of approximately \$200,000. The impact of the unfunded new requirement on existing programs and services cannot be determined.