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In Senate, December 21, 2009

An Act To Improve the Availability, Efficiency and Cost of Services for Infants, Young Children and Their Families

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator ALFOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham and
Senators: BOWMAN of York, BRANNIGAN of Cumberland, Representatives: CONNOR of
Kennebunk, STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland, STUCKEY of Portland, SUTHERLAND of
Chapman, WAGNER of Lewiston.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

CONCEPT DRAFT

SUMMARY

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to restructure the services available to infants and young children with developmental disabilities, including autism, and developmental delays. The restructured services would include supports for the families of these infants and young children. The bill would aim to improve informed choices for families and improve the coordination of services among numerous community agencies and state departments. The bill would provide a new, streamlined structure to improve identification of need and ease of accessing services and improve outcomes for infants and young children and their families and efficiency in the use of state funds.