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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
125TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1257, L.D. 1705, "Resolve, To Create the Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children"

Amend the resolve in section 2 in the first line (page 1, line 15 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "12" and inserting the following: '13'

Amend the resolve in section 2 by striking out all of subsection 5 (page 1, lines 24 and 25 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'5. A representative of a sexual assault crisis and support center involved in the prevention of child sexual abuse, appointed by the Speaker of the House;'

Amend the resolve in section 2 by striking out all of subsection 8 (page 1, lines 29 and 30 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'8. A representative of a statewide coalition against sexual assault, appointed by the President of the Senate;'

Amend the resolve in section 2 in subsection 9 in the first line (page 1, line 31 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and"

Amend the resolve in section 2 by striking out all of subsection 10 (page 1, lines 32 and 33 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'10. The Commissioner of Health and Human Services, or the commissioner's designee; and

11. A representative of a community-based youth-serving organization, appointed by the President of the Senate; and be it further'

Amend the resolve in section 6 in subsection 2 in the last line (page 2, line 19 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "private organizations;" the following: 'and'

Amend the resolve in section 6 by striking out all of subsections 3 and 4 (page 2, lines 20 to 27 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'3. Recommend policies to prevent and address sexual abuse of children, including age-appropriate curricula for students in prekindergarten to grade 5; methods for

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increasing teacher, student and parent awareness of issues regarding sexual abuse of children, including warning signs indicating that a child may be a victim of sexual abuse; actions that a child who is a victim of sexual abuse may take to obtain assistance and intervention; and available counseling options for children affected by sexual abuse; and be it further'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment changes the composition of the Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children and increases membership to 13 members. It changes the task force duties to clarify that the task force is directed to make recommendations to prevent and address child sexual abuse.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

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Resolve, To Create the Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-796)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Legislative Cost/Study

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The general operating expenses of this task force are projected to be \$2,430 in fiscal year 2012-13, assuming 4 task force meetings. The Legislature's proposed budget includes \$10,000 for studies to be conducted during the interim after the 2nd Regular Session. Whether this amount is sufficient to fund all studies will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services associated with department representatives serving on the task force can be absorbed within the departments' existing budgeted resources.