

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Date: 3/10/14

L.D. 1552  
(Filing No. H-668)

Majority

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
126TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1119, L.D. 1552, "Resolve, To Require the Department of Health and Human Services To Initiate a New Rate-setting Procedure for Preschool Services for Children with Disabilities under the MaineCare Program"

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

**'Resolve, To Provide for an Analysis of MaineCare Rates for Facility-based Preschool Services for Children with Disabilities and a Report on the Analysis'**

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

**'Sec. 1. Analysis of MaineCare rates for facility-based preschool services for children with disabilities; report. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services, after consultation with providers of facility-based preschool services for children with disabilities, shall perform an analysis of MaineCare rates for the services, including without limitation a review of such rates over the past 20 years, details on the services provided, the needs of the children served and the costs of providing the services. The department shall consider possible cost-savings initiatives, federal and state requirements for serving children with disabilities and improvements to services that may result from encouraging services at the appropriate level. The department shall report the results of the analysis under this section and any recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters by January 1, 2015.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. This amendment directs the Department of Health and Human Services, after consultation with providers of facility-based preschool services for children with disabilities, to perform an analysis of MaineCare rates for the services, including a review of rates over the past 20 years, details on the services provided, the needs of the children served and the costs of providing the services. The amendment directs the department to consider possible cost-

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3 appropriate level. The amendment directs the department to report the results of the  
4 analysis and any recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature  
5 having jurisdiction over health and human services matters by January 1, 2015.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED  
(See attached)



Approved: 03/05/14

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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-668)

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 to the Department of Health and Human Services are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.