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An Act To Consolidate Administration of Kinship Care and Relative Placement Issues within the Department of Health and Human Services

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CHACE of Durham, CRAIG of Brewer, FOLEY of Wells, GUERIN of Glenburn, HARLOW of Portland, STEWART of Presque Isle, STROM of Pittsfield, TURNER of Burlington.

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

2   **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4010-D** is enacted to read:

3   **§4010-D. Kinship care and relative placement administration**

4   **1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the
5   following terms have the following meanings.

6   A. "Kinship care" means the placement of a child with a relative on a temporary or
7   permanent basis. The placement may or may not involve the participation of the
8   department.

9   B. "Relative placement" means the use of a relative as a temporary placement for a
10   child in the custody of the department or a comparable department in another state
11   while the child and the child's parents are engaged in a rehabilitation and
12   reunification process under subchapter 5.

13   **2. Administrator.** The commissioner shall appoint one person to administer all
14   issues related to kinship care and relative placement.

15   **SUMMARY**

16   This bill requires the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to appoint one
17   person to administer all issues related to the placement of a child with a relative.