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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
128TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1307, L.D. 1874, "Resolve, To Ensure the Continued Provision of Services to Maine Children and Families"

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the emergency preamble and before the emergency clause and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. Community Partnerships for Protecting Children contracts.

Resolved: That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the following contractual agreements entered into by the Department of Health and Human Services must be continued by the department in accordance with this resolve through at least January 31, 2019:

1. Contracts awarded pursuant to RFP number 201509167, Community Partnerships for Protecting Children:

- A. The Opportunity Alliance, agreement number CFS-17-8201;
B. Broadreach Family and Community Services, agreement number CFS-17-8203;
C. Community Concepts, agreement number CFS-17-8204; and
D. Penquis, agreement number CFS-17-8205; and

2. The contract awarded pursuant to RFP number 201608176, Community Concepts, agreement number CFS-17-8206.

If a contract identified in this section is in effect on the effective date of this resolve, the department may not terminate the contract before and must continue the contract through at least January 31, 2019, unless the contracting party voluntarily agrees to a termination of the contract before that date or unless there is a material breach of contract by the contracting party sufficient to justify a termination under the terms of the contract. If a contract identified in this section has been terminated by the department prior to the effective date of this resolve, the department shall immediately offer and, unless the contracting party does not consent, immediately reenter a contract with that party on the same terms as the terminated contract and may not terminate the contract before and must continue the contract through at least January 31, 2019, unless the contracting party

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1 voluntarily agrees to a termination of the contract before that date or unless there is a
2 material breach of contract by the contracting party sufficient to justify a termination
3 under the terms of the contract; and be it further

4 **Sec. 2. Department review. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and
5 Human Services shall develop a plan for providing the services currently provided by the
6 Community Partnerships for Protecting Children programs, including the Parents as
7 Partners program, and the role of child abuse and neglect prevention councils. The
8 department shall report the plan to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
9 jurisdiction over health and human services matters by January 1, 2019. The joint
10 standing committee may report out a bill on the subject matter of this resolve to the First
11 Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.'

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the resolve.
14 It provides that:

15 1. The Department of Health and Human Services must continue contracts with the
16 Community Partnerships for Protecting Children programs through at least January 31,
17 2019, either by not terminating the contracts or by reentering and maintaining new
18 contracts; and

19 2. The department must develop a plan for providing the services currently provided
20 by the Community Partnerships for Protecting Children programs, including the Parents
21 as Partners program, and the role of child abuse and neglect prevention councils. The
22 department must report the plan to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
23 jurisdiction over health and human services matters by January 1, 2019. The joint
24 standing committee may report out a bill on the subject matter of this resolve to the First
25 Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

26 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

27 **(See attached)**



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Resolve, To Ensure the Continued Provision of Services to Maine Children and Families

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A (H-738)"

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to continue or renew contracts in effect on the effective date of the resolve with certain Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Councils through January 31, 2019. As the contracts are currently in effect, there is no fiscal impact to continuing the contracts.

Additionally, the resolve requires the DHHS to develop a plan for the future contracting of certain services to protect children and to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January 1st, 2019 on the final proposed plan. Any additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services to convene the stakeholder group and report back to the committee are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.