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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 59, L.D. 93, "An Act To Improve
Maine's Quality Rating System for Child Care Services "

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the
following:

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3737, sub-§3, as corrected by RR 2015, c. 1, §21, is amended
to read:

3. Quality differential. To the extent permitted by federal law, the department shall
pay a differential rate for child care services that meet or that make substantial progress
toward meeting nationally recognized quality standards, such as those standards required
by the Head Start program or required for accreditation by the National Association for the
Education of Young Children, and shall do so from the Child Care Development Fund 25%
Quality Set-aside funds or by other acceptable federal practices. Rules adopted pursuant
to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined by Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter
2-A. ~~The rules must establish a 4-step child care quality rating system and must provide
for graduated quality differential rates for step 2, step 3 and step 4 child care services.~~

Nothing in this subsection requires the department to pay a quality differential rate for child
care services provided through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. The bill changes the number of steps for the quality
rating system for child care providers to allow for discretion for the Department of Health
and Human Services. The amendment removes the reference to the 4-step quality rating
system from the law to allow the department discretion to determine the methodology for
quality standards in rule.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT