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## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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## 131ST LEGISLATURE

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## FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H P 312, L D 495, "An Act Regarding  
10 Investigations of Out-of-home Child Abuse and Neglect"

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Amend the bill in section 4 in sub-c 18 in §4099-L in subsection 2 by inserting after  
12 paragraph A the following:

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'B The investigation team's investigation of a report with a high severity allegation  
14 with respect to a child in a residential care facility must be initiated within 3 business  
15 days of the date of the receipt of the report. If the investigation team cannot initiate its  
16 investigation within 3 business days, the investigation team shall request a safety plan  
17 from the facility.'

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Amend the bill in section 4 in sub-c 18 in §4099-L in subsection 2 by relettering the  
19 paragraphs to read alphabetically

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

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## SUMMARY

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The bill removes the requirement in current law that the child care facility investigation  
24 team in the Department of Health and Human Services must initiate an investigation of a  
25 report within 3 business days of receipt if the report alleges jeopardy to a child in a  
26 residential care facility. This amendment maintains the 3-day requirement but instead  
27 provides that it applies to a report that contains a high severity allegation with respect to a  
28 child in a residential care facility.

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## FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)

# COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 495

LR 159(02)

An Act Regarding Investigations of Out-of-home Child Abuse and Neglect

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Education and the Department of Corrections from the provisions of this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources