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House of Representatives, February 21, 2023

**Resolve, to Provide Support for an Early Intervention and Preschool
Child Care Services Program in Kennebec County**

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

Robert B. Hunt
ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative LEMELIN of Chelsea.

1 **Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to issue request for**
2 **proposals for quality child care services. Resolved:** That, no later than January 1,
3 2024, the Department of Health and Human Services shall issue a request for proposals to
4 establish a quality child care program for children from birth to 3 years of age in Kennebec
5 County in order to alleviate the long waiting lists for child care services. The child care
6 program must focus on play, movement, nutrition, social engagement and exploration with
7 toys and materials and provide education for parents on their children's development.

8 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following
9 appropriations and allocations are made.

10 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**
11 **Child Care Services 0563**

12 Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the start-up costs and expenses for the first year
13 of the newly established child care program.

14	GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
15	All Other	\$650,500	\$0
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17	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$650,500</u>	<u>\$0</u>

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to issue a request
20 for proposals to establish a quality child care program for children from birth to 3 years of
21 age in Kennebec County.