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## 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2023

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No. 1031

H.P. 667

House of Representatives, March 7, 2023

Resolve, to Improve Access to Child Care by Expanding Eligibility for the Child Care Subsidy Program

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative LaROCHELLE of Augusta. Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and

Representatives: HASENFUS of Readfield, JAUCH of Topsham, LEE of Auburn, SAYRE of Kennebunk.

1 2 3 4	Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to amend child care subsidy program rules. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rules in 10-148 C.M.R. Chapter 6: Child Care Subsidy Program Rules to:
5 6	1. Increase the eligibility threshold for the program from 85% of the State's median income to 150% of the State's median income;
7	2. Increase the parent fee from a maximum of 10% to a maximum of 13%; and
8 9	3. Set additional graduated parent fees, up to the maximum in subsection 2, for income ranges resulting from the changes in eligibility required by subsection 1.
10	SUMMARY
11 12	This bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its child care subsidy program rules to expand eligibility and increase the parent fee.