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131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, April 5, 2023

Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Program and Convene a Work Group Regarding the Provision of Services by the Child Development Services System

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

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Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator INGWERSEN of York and
Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, GATTINE of Westbrook, MALON of Biddeford,
PERRY of Calais, SALISBURY of Westbrook, SARGENT of York, Senators: PIERCE of
Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York.

Sec. 1. Pilot program. Resolved: That the Department of Education shall establish a pilot program for school administrative units to deliver and administer the services provided by the Child Development Services System pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 7209, subsection 3 including child find activities as provided in 20 United States Code, Section 1412(a)(3) for children from birth to under 6 years of age, ensuring the provision of early intervention services for eligible children from birth to under 3 years of age and ensuring a free, appropriate public education for eligible children at least 3 years of age and under 6 years of age. By June 1, 2024, the department shall request applications to participate in the pilot program. The department may select up to 25 school administrative units to participate in the pilot program. By December 1, 2027, the department shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters regarding the pilot program. The report must include a recommendation on whether to continue the pilot program and any recommended legislation. The committee may report out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 133rd Legislature.

Sec. 2. Department of Education review of Child Development Services System services for children from birth to under 3 years of age. Resolved: That the Department of Education shall convene a work group to review eligibility standards for children from birth to under 3 years of age for services by the Child Development Services System pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 7209, subsection 3 including child find activities as provided in 20 United States Code, Section 1412(a)(3) for children from birth to under 6 years of age, ensuring the provision of early intervention services for eligible children from birth to under 3 years of age and ensuring a free, appropriate public education for eligible children at least 3 years of age and under 6 years of age. By December 6, 2023, the department shall submit a report including the department's findings, recommendations and any suggested legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. The committee may report out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

29 SUMMARY

This resolve requires the Department of Education to establish a pilot program for school administrative units to deliver and administer the services provided by the Child Development Services System pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 7209, subsection 3 including child find activities for children from birth to under 6 years of age, ensuring the provision of early intervention services for eligible children from birth to under 3 years of age and ensuring a free, appropriate public education for eligible children at least 3 years of age and under 6 years of age. The resolve also requires the Department of Education to convene a work group to review eligibility standards for children from birth to under 3 years of age for services by the Child Development Services System.