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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

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RESOLVES
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CHAPTER 47

H.P. 1251 - L.D. 1664

RESOLVE, to Establish a Maine
Commission to Examine the Availability,
Quality and Delivery of Services Provided
to Children with Special Needs.

Commission established. Resolved: That the commission on the Availability, Quality and Delivery of Services Provided to Children with Special Needs is established, consisting of 31 members representing different areas of the State, 25 members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate, namely a chairman; a member of the judiciary branch or a designee; a physician; a representative of municipal police; an intake worker; a newspaper editor; a chairman of a pupil evaluation team; a youth member; an elementary school teacher; a junior high school guidance counselor; a superintendent of schools; a representative of a neighborhood group; a case worker or field worker; a representative of a community counseling center; a psychologist specializing in family practice; a psychiatric social worker; a representative from the Bangor Mental Health Institute or the Augusta Mental Health Institute; a representative from the Department of Human Services; a representative from the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation; a representative from the Department of Corrections; a representative from the Department of Educational and Cultural Services; a representative from the psychiatric department of a hospital; a member of the clergy; a public representative; a director of an emergency shelter for children and youth; and 6 Legislators, 4 Representatives named by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and 2 Senators named by the President of the Senate; and be it further

Resolved: That the commission will examine the current mechanisms for identifying and following children with special psychological, emotional and behavioral needs; identify major gaps in the provision of services to these children; examine the current mechanisms used by the Department of Human Services, the Department of Educational and Cultural Services, the Department of Corrections and the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation to plan for and provide services to children; and, based on findings, establish priorities for legislative action; and be it further

Resolved: That the commission meet at least 3

times as a committee of the whole, and at such other times in subcommittees, as necessary, to study the problem through examination of data from Maine and other states, to consult with recognized experts in these areas, to conduct public hearings throughout the State and to prepare a report which shall be distributed throughout the State and submitted, together with any accompanying legislation, to the 2nd Regular Session of the 111th Legislature; and be it further

Resolved: That the chairman of the commission be appointed within 10 days after enactment, the other members within 20 days after enactment and that the first meeting of the commission take place within 40 days after enactment.

Resolved: That the commission have sufficient staff assistance and pertinent existing information about problems and services from the Office of Legislative Assistants, the Department of Educational and Cultural Services, Department of Human Services, Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, Department of Corrections and the Department of the Attorney General to carry out these duties; and be it further

Resolved: That the legislative members of the commission shall receive a per diem compensation, and all members shall receive compensation for travel and other necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties; and be it further

Resolved: That the sum of \$9,000 be appropriated to the Legislative Account to carry out the purpose of this resolve.

Effective September 23, 1983.
