

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
**OF THE**  
**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

**ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**  
**January 7, 1998 to March 31, 1998**

**SECOND SPECIAL SESSION**  
**April 1, 1998 to April 9, 1998**

**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**  
**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**  
**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
**JUNE 30, 1998**

**SECOND SPECIAL SESSION**  
**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
**JULY 9, 1998**

**PUBLISHED BY THE REVISOR OF STATUTES**  
**IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,**  
**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**J.S. McCarthy Company**  
**Augusta, Maine**  
**1997**

**Sec. 4. Resolve 1997, c. 68, §8, amended. Resolved:** That Resolve 1997, c. 68, §8 is amended to read:

**Sec. 8. Meetings. Resolved:** That the task force may meet up to 4 times prior to reporting in 1997 and an additional number of times determined necessary by the Children's Cabinet and the task force prior to reporting in 1998; and be it further

**Sec. 5. Resolve 1997, c. 68, §9, amended. Resolved:** That Resolve 1997, c. 68, §9 is amended by adding after the first sentence a new sentence to read:

In addition, the task force shall submit a follow-up report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and the Governor, including any necessary implementing legislation, no later than December 15, 1998.

; and be it further

**Sec. 6. Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

1998-99

**LEGISLATURE**

**Task Force to Study Strategies to Support Parents as Children's First Teachers**

Personal Services	\$440
All Other	900

Provides for the per diem and expenses of legislative members, and miscellaneous costs, including printing, of the Task Force to Study Strategies to Support Parents as Children's First Teachers.

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TOTAL**

\$1,340

; and be it further

**Sec. 7. Retroactivity. Resolved:** That those sections of this resolve that amend Resolve 1997, chapter 68, sections 8 and 9 are retroactive to December 1, 1997.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 123**

**H.P. 1432 - L.D. 1996**

**Resolve, Requiring a Report on the Provision of Medicaid Services**

**Sec. 1. Report. Resolved:** That the Department of Human Services, with the cooperation of the Department of Education, shall undertake an audit of and shall prepare a report on services provided in or by school administrative units, state intermediate educational units and regional sites of the Child Development Services System under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 307-A, that are reimbursed through the Medicaid program. The report must include information on the qualifications of professionals and others providing services, reimbursement rates and policies regarding the use of specialists. The department shall provide this report and any recommendations to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs and health and human services matters by January 1, 1999.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 124**

**H.P. 1556 - L.D. 2185**

**Resolve, to Provide Accountability in the Probation System**

**Emergency preamble. Whereas,** Acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** The Legislature recognizes the immediate need to address the issue of adequate staffing and resources in the Department of Corrections probation services to ensure the safety of the department staff and the public; and

**Whereas,** it is the intent of the Legislature that the implementation of new probation officer positions reflects the Department of Corrections' needs and ability to train and effectively employ the new probation officers; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Study group established. Resolved:** That the Commissioner of Corrections shall