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making the recommendations may review or revise these recommendations at their discretion.

~~The department shall, after consultation with the Maine Prosecutors Association, the Maine Psychological Association and other affected groups, report on the effects of this subsection to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over the judiciary by February 15, 1987.~~

The intent of this subsection is to encourage offenders to seek and effectively utilize treatment, at the same time providing any necessary protection and treatment for the child and other family members.

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CHAPTER 301

H.P. 1226 - L.D. 1755

An Act to Improve Access to Dental Care for Children

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-U is enacted to read:

§3174-U. Medicaid reimbursement for dental services

The department shall conduct an annual review of the adequacy of reimbursement rates for dental services for dentists who provide care for a disproportionate number of patients whose care is reimbursed through the Medicaid program and the Cub Care program established in section 3174-T. By December 31, 1999, the department shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on the results of the study, including the costs in General Fund and other money.

Sec. 2. Mobile vans for dental care. The Department of Human Services shall study the use of mobile vans for dental care to provide diagnostic and preventative dental services in remote or underserved areas of the State. By December 31, 1999, the department shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services on the results of the study, including the costs of procuring the vans, suggested plans for staffing and support services and estimated costs in General Fund and other money.

Sec. 3. Dental residency programs. The Finance Authority of Maine shall study the feasibility and costs of establishing a dental residency program in the State, the need for additional dental professionals and strategies and incentives for improving access to

dental care for children and low-income residents. In studying these issues, the authority shall work together with the University of New England, the hospitals in the State that provide medical residency programs, the Maine Dental Association and the Maine Ambulatory Care Coalition. By December 31, 1999, the authority shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services on the results of the study, including the costs of establishing residency programs, costs of other programs to increase the number of dental professionals and to improve access to dental care for children and low-income residents, and estimated costs in General Fund and other money.

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CHAPTER 302

H.P. 1287 - L.D. 1848

An Act to Require the Display of the Prisoner of War - Missing in Action Flag

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §136 is enacted to read:

§136. Prisoner of War - Missing in Action Recognition Day

The Governor annually shall issue a proclamation designating the 3rd Friday in September as Prisoner of War - Missing in Action Recognition Day in remembrance of the courage and plight of American prisoners of war and those missing in action. The proclamation must recommend that the day be observed in an appropriate manner.

Sec. 2. 1 MRSA §206-A is enacted to read:

§206-A. Prisoner of war - missing in action flag

1. Required. The prisoner of war - missing in action flag must be flown in the following places until all those individuals designated as prisoners of war or missing in action are released or accounted for:

A. Above the State House; and

B. At each National Guard facility.

2. Optional. A municipality may display the prisoner of war - missing in action flag on a flag pole located at the main office building of the municipality whenever the flag of the United States is flown.

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