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LD 779 / SP0338

An Act to Create a Separate Department of Child and Family Services. Presented by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin. Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. Public Hearing 01/11/24. Carried Over: 07/26/23. Final Disposition: Carried Over 05/10/24.

Original Bill

[LD 779 \(131st Legis. 2023\)](#)

Committee Materials

Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

- (Master file available on request—please include citation: cf131-LD-0779.pdf)

[Work Session \(Audio File\) \(HHS\) \(05/18/2023\)](#)

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New Drafts and Amendments

[Amendment CA \(S-641\) \(LD 779 2024\)](#)

Floor Proceedings and Debate

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Reports and Other Related Documents

[Report of the Government Oversight Committee, 131st Maine State Legislature, Second Regular Session: Frontline Perspectives in Child Protection as Catalysts for Reform \(February 2024\)](#)

News Articles

- Momentum builds for standalone child welfare department in Maine (Randy Billings) (Portland Press Herald, 1/12/2024, p. B1, B4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD07xx/nc131-LD-0779/PPH 240112F.pdf)
- Legislative logjam on child welfare (Billy Kobin) (Bangor Daily News, 1/17/2024, p. A1, A4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD07xx/nc131-LD-0779/BDN 240116A.pdf)
- Let's make a positive reform in Maine Child Protective Services (Matthe Agren) (Sun Journal (Lewiston), 2/21/2024, p. C7) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD07xx/nc131-LD-0779/SJ 240218D.pdf)
- Frustrated state lawmakers back creating new child welfare agency (Rachel Ohm) (Portland Press Herald, 4/5/2024, p. A1, A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD07xx/nc131-LD-0779/PPH 240404A.pdf)
- Lawmakers' failure to act kills bill for child welfare department (Rachel Ohm) (Portland Press Herald, 4/23/2024, p. A1, A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD07xx/nc131-LD-0779/PPH 240423B.pdf)

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