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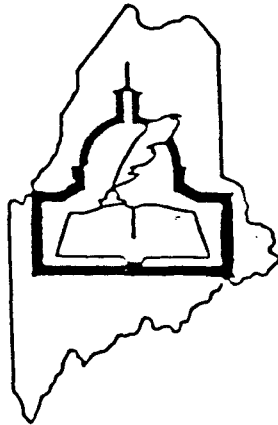
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
HUMAN RESOURCES
BILL SUMMARY



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BILL SUMMARIES
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

LD:

1523

AN ACT TO CREATE THE BUREAU OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION

MARTIN J
NELSON
GILL
DIAMOND G
PUBLIC
CH #503

OTP-AM

HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
GOV Signed

H-247 CA

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SUMMARY:

This Act establishes a Bureau of Children with Special Needs, repeals the existing Office of Children's Services and transfers the principal departmental children's services resources currently administered by the Bureau of Mental Health and Bureau of Mental Retardation to this bureau. The bureau is mandated to develop a system of services responding to need rather than diagnostic labels or categories.

The Act also requires the commissioner, in coordination with other state agencies serving children, to present a biennial comprehensive plan to the Legislature specifically defining the best methods for providing services, describing service gaps and ways to meet these, as well as suggesting procedures for service priorities.

The bill also provides for a 15-member broadly representative Maine Advisory Committee on Children with Special Needs appointed by the Governor and serving without pay with responsibilities to assess programs and plan for meeting current and future needs.

LD:

1616

AN ACT RENAMING REGISTERED DAY CARE PROVIDERS AS HOME BABY-SITTING SERVICE PROVIDERS

MANNING
BUSTIN
CARROLL
PUBLIC
CH # 358

HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
GOV SIGNED

S-189

SA C WEBSTER

S-202

SB GAUVREAU

H S

S-208

SC WEBSTER

S-209

SD WEBSTER

SUMMARY:

The new draft (of LD 439) establishes separate nomenclature, "home baby-sitting services" provider, for the registered home day care providers. It authorizes the Department of Human Services to respond to complaints without a search warrant or without requiring permission of the owner. It also authorizes, but does not require, the department to make one annual inspection to ensure compliance with the law.