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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1119, L.D. 1552, “Resolve, To Require the Department of Health and Human Services To Initiate a New Rate-setting Procedure for Preschool Services for Children with Disabilities under the MaineCare Program”

Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, To Provide for an Analysis of MaineCare Rates for Facility-based Preschool Services for Children with Disabilities and a Report on the Analysis'

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Analysis of MaineCare rates for facility-based preschool services for children with disabilities; report. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services, after consultation with providers of facility-based preschool services for children with disabilities, shall perform an analysis of MaineCare rates for the services, including without limitation a review of such rates over the past 20 years, details on the services provided, the needs of the children served and the costs of providing the services. The department shall consider possible cost-savings initiatives, federal and state requirements for serving children with disabilities and improvements to services that may result from encouraging services at the appropriate level. The department shall report the results of the analysis under this section and any recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters by January 1, 2015.'

SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. This amendment directs the Department of Health and Human Services, after consultation with providers of facility-based preschool services for children with disabilities, to perform an analysis of MaineCare rates for the services, including a review of rates over the past 20 years, details on the services provided, the needs of the children served and the costs of providing the services. The amendment directs the department to consider possible cost-

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3 appropriate level. The amendment directs the department to report the results of the
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