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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 82, L.D. 213, Bill, “An Act To Ensure the Comprehensive Medical, Dental, Educational and Behavioral Assessment of Children Entering State Custody”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4063-A, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 194, is amended to read:

1. Physical examination required. The department shall ensure that a child ordered into its custody receives an appointment for a medical examination by a licensed physician or nurse practitioner within ~~10~~ 3 working days after the department's custody of the child commences.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §4063-A, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3. Medical, dental, educational and behavioral assessment reimbursable. The department may provide for reimbursement under MaineCare for a comprehensive medical, dental, educational and behavioral assessment, which includes obtaining relevant records, when a child enters the custody of the department. The department shall adopt routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A to implement this subsection.

SUMMARY

This amendment strikes and replaces the bill. Like the bill, it shortens the time requirement for the physical examination of a child ordered into the custody of the Department of Health and Human Services from 10 days after the department's custody of the child commences to 3 days. The bill strikes the provision requiring under certain conditions a psychological assessment within 30 days of the required physical examination. This amendment restores that requirement. It also requires the department to adopt routine technical rules that allow for reimbursement under MaineCare for a

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1 comprehensive medical, dental, educational and behavioral assessment, which includes
2 obtaining relevant records, when a child enters the custody of the department.