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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
131ST LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 71, L.D. 103, “An Act to Provide Incentives to Employers to Provide On-site Child Care”

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

**'Resolve, Directing the Maine Children's Cabinet Early Childhood Advisory Council to Study Incentives for the Provision of Child Care in Maine'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. Directive to study incentives for employers. Resolved:** That the Maine Children's Cabinet Early Childhood Advisory Council, as established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 24051, shall complete the following tasks:

1. Identify and review obstacles to the availability of child care in this State, including, but not limited to, the relevant costs for parents and providers and the difference between the amount of child care that is available in this State and the amount of child care that is needed;

2. Identify and consider mechanisms that could be used to overcome the obstacles identified in subsection 1 and to support the child care providers that currently operate in this State, including, but not limited to, state funding, grant programs, workforce incentives and tax credits; and

3. Conduct a review of other states that have faced child care obstacles similar to those in this State, identify the measures taken by those states to address the obstacles and determine whether similar measures may be effectively implemented in this State.

To the extent any task identified in this section is already being conducted by one or more state entities, the council may, instead of completing the task on its own, identify the entities conducting the task, review the work being conducted by those entities and evaluate whether there is a need for increased resources or coordination related to that task.

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than January 15, 2024, the Maine Children's Cabinet Early Childhood Advisory Council shall submit a report to the Joint Standing

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

1 Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business  
2 summarizing its findings and recommendations related to the tasks identified in section 1.  
3 The Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and  
4 Business may report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of  
5 the 131st Legislature.'

6 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section  
7 number to read consecutively.

8 **SUMMARY**

9 This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve that directs the Maine Children's  
10 Cabinet Early Childhood Advisory Council to identify and consider certain issues related  
11 to the provision of child care for parents working in this State, identify and consider  
12 mechanisms for overcoming identified obstacles, identify entities already conducting work  
13 related to those issues and submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation,  
14 Development, Economic Advancement and Business summarizing its findings no later than  
15 January 15, 2024. The Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic  
16 Advancement and Business may report out legislation related to the report to the Second  
17 Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

18 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

19 **(See attached)**