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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 197, L.D. 582, Bill, “An Act To Provide for the Comprehensive Medical, Dental, Educational and Behavioral Assessment of Children Entering State Custody”

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

'An Act To Provide for Timely Physical Examinations 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, physician assistant or nurse practitioner within ~~10~~ 3 working days after the department's custody of the child commences and that the medical examination takes place within 10 working days after the department's custody of the child commences.'

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, removes the requirement for a comprehensive medical, dental, educational and mental health assessment of a child entering the custody of the Department of Health and Human Services that is in the bill. It retains the shortening of the time requirement for an appointment to be made for a medical examination from 10 days to 3 days but adds a requirement that the examination must take place within 10 days of the child's entering custody. It also changes the title.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT