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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 999, L.D. 1378, Bill, “An Act To Ensure the Provision of Medical Assessments for Youth in Foster Care”

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

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

§4063-A. Medical and psychological examination; provision of medical information

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 working days after the department's custody of the child commences.

2. Psychological assessment. If the physician or nurse practitioner who performs a physical examination pursuant to subsection 1 determines that a psychological assessment of the child is appropriate, the department shall ensure that an appointment is obtained for such an assessment within 30 days of the physical examination.

3. Medical, dental, educational and behavioral assessment reimbursable. The department shall 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, which is the unanimous report of the committee, replaces the bill. It clarifies that the Department of Health and Human Services shall ensure that a child ordered into its custody receives a medical examination by a licensed physician or nurse practitioner within 10 working days after the department's custody of the child commences. It requires the department to adopt routine technical rules that allow for

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

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)