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Resolve, to Improve Access to Child Care by Expanding Eligibility for the Child Care Subsidy Program

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative LaROCHELLE of Augusta. Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and Representatives: HASENFUS of Readfield, JAUCH of Topsham, LEE of Auburn, SAYRE of Kennebunk.

- Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to amend child care
 subsidy program rules. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human
 Services shall amend its rules in 10-148 C.M.R. Chapter 6: Child Care Subsidy Program
 Rules to:
 I. Increase the eligibility threshold for the program from 85% of the State's median
 income to 150% of the State's median income;
 Increase the parent fee from a maximum of 10% to a maximum of 13%; and
- 8 3. Set additional graduated parent fees, up to the maximum in subsection 2, for income
 9 ranges resulting from the changes in eligibility required by subsection 1.
- 10 SUMMARY
- 11 This bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its child care 12 subsidy program rules to expand eligibility and increase the parent fee.