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Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Corrections and the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to Establish a Working Group on the Relocation of the Division of Juvenile Services

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland. Cosponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York and Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, MEYER of Eliot, PERRY of Calais, PLUECKER of Warren, RECKITT of South Portland, RISEMAN of Harrison, SALISBURY of Westbrook, Senator: PIERCE of Cumberland. 1 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not 2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3 **Whereas,** this legislation must take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period 4 in order for the working group established by the Commissioner of Corrections and the 5 Commissioner of Health and Human Services pursuant to this legislation to be timely 6 convened; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within
the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as
immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Working group. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Corrections and the 11 Commissioner of Health and Human Services shall establish a working group of 12 stakeholders and interested parties to study and develop a plan to relocate the Department 13 of Corrections' division of juvenile services from the Department of Corrections to the most 14 15 appropriate organizational structure in State Government. The working group must be convened by July 1, 2023 and shall provide a report to the Joint Standing Committee on 16 Criminal Justice and Public Safety, the Joint Standing Committee on Education and 17 18 Cultural Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January 1, 2024. The commissioners shall designate membership on the working group. 19

20 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation 21 takes effect when approved.

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SUMMARY

23 This resolve directs the Commissioner of Corrections and the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to establish a working group to plan to relocate the Department of 24 25 Corrections' division of juvenile services to the most appropriate organizational structure 26 in State Government, as determined by the working group. The working group must be 27 convened by July 1, 2023 and provide a report by January 1, 2024 to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety, the Joint Standing Committee on 28 29 Education and Cultural Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human 30 Services.