

# Commission to Develop a Strategic Priorities Plan for Maine's Young Children

Wednesday, September 26, 2007  
Taxation Committee Room - State House, Room 127

## AGENDA

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- 9:00-9:10**     **Welcome and Introductions**
- 9:10-9:50**     **Recommendations of the "State Plan for Humane Early Childhood Systems"**  
9:10-9:30     Presentation - Sheryl Peavey  
9:30-9:50     Questions
- 9:50-10:40**   **Review of 2007 Legislative Proposals Referred to the Commission**  
9:50-10:20   Presentations (5 min. per sponsor) *[see attached list of LD titles]*
  - LD 394 & LD 1712 - Rep. Conover
  - LD 1426 - Rep. Cain
  - LD 1149 - Rep. Connor
  - LD 187 - Rep. Rand
  - LD 1065 - Rep. Silsby
  - LD 753 & LD 755 - Rep. Faircloth10:25-10:40   Questions
- 10:40-10:50**   **\*Break\***
- 10:50-11:45**   **Child Care, Head Start & Pre-K Providers ~ Challenges & Policy Solutions**  
10:50-11:30   Presentations (8 min. per presenter)
  - Maine Family Child Care Association - Ruth Burke
  - Head Start Directors Association - Jean Bridges
  - Public pre-K program - Deborah Emery
  - Non-profit ECE provider agency - Jeanie Mills
  - Maine Child Care Directors Association - Lori Fried Moses11:30-11:45   Questions
- 11:45-12:00**   **Report of Subcommittee: Child Care, Head Start & Pre-K**
- 12:00-12:45**   **\*Lunch Break\***
- 12:45-1:30**     **Reports of Subcommittees:**  
12:45-1:00     Home Visiting  
1:00-1:15     Family Leave & Tax Incentives  
1:15-1:30     Strategic Coalition Building
- 1:30-1:40**     **\*Break\***
- 1:40-4:00**     **Work Session**
- 4:00**           **Adjournment**

## **2007 Legislative Proposals Referred to the Commission - Bill Titles**

- LD 187 An Act To Increase Access to Child Care and Early Education for Maine's Working Families (Rep. Rand)
- LD 394 An Act To Provide a Tax Benefit to Businesses That Invest in Quality Child Care (Rep. Conover)
- LD 753 Resolve, To Invest in Children and Families through Family Resource Centers (Rep. Faircloth)
- LD 755 An Act to Ensure the Success of All Maine Families Through Early Care and Education (Rep. Faircloth) (*original bill title*)
- LD 1065 Resolve, To Enhance the Education Opportunities for Maine's Early Childhood Workers (Rep. Silsby)
- LD 1149 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Improve Child Care Facilities in Maine (Rep. Connor)
- LD 1426 An Act To Enhance the Prekindergarten Experience for Maine Children (Rep. Cain)
- LD 1712 An Act To Amend the Amount of Child Care Tax Credit (Rep. Conover)