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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
116TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1330, L.D. 1793, Bill, "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Health and Social Services Transition Team"

Amend the amendment in Part A by striking out all of sections 7 and 8 and inserting in their place the following:

**Sec. A-7. Expenses and staff.** Members of the team may not receive any per diem or reimbursement for expenses. The team may request staffing assistance from the Legislative Council.

**Sec. A-8. Funds.** If approved by the Legislative Council, the team may accept federal or private grants to carry out the purposes of this Part. Implementation of this Part is contingent upon the team's receipt of adequate federal or private grants. The Legislative Council may not approve the receipt of any funds from organizations that have a conflict of interest in the team's work.

**Sec. A-9. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue to carry out the purposes of this Part.

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Public Participation Team

All Other \$12,500

Provides funds for the Public Participation Team for contracted facilitators and miscellaneous expenses.

SENATE AMENDMENT

2 Further amend the amendment by striking out all of the  
4 fiscal note and inserting in its place the following:

6 **FISCAL NOTE**

8 **1994-95**

10 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

12 Other Funds \$12,500

14 Part A of this bill includes an Other Special Revenue Fund  
16 allocation of \$12,500 in fiscal year 1994-95 for the Public  
18 Participation Team for contracted facilitators and miscellaneous  
team expenses. The costs associated with staffing the team can  
be absorbed by the Legislature utilizing existing budgeted  
resources.

20 Part B provides for a General Fund transfer of \$21,706 from  
22 the Department of Human Services and a Federal Expenditure Fund  
24 transfer of \$24,526 from the Department of Education to the  
Executive Department to establish the Interdepartmental Council  
within the Governor's Office.

26 The additional costs to collect trauma data can be absorbed  
28 by the Emergency Medical Services Board utilizing existing  
budgeted resources.

30 The additional workload and administrative costs associated  
32 with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system  
34 can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial  
Department. The collection of additional fines may increase  
General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

36 The additional costs to develop and present a plan to  
38 consolidate services for people who are homeless can be absorbed  
40 by the member agencies of the Interagency Task Force on  
Homelessness and Housing Opportunities utilizing existing  
budgeted resources.

42 The Department of Administrative and Financial Services, the  
44 Department of Human Services, the Department of Mental Health and  
46 Mental Retardation and the Executive Department will incur some  
48 minor additional costs to convene a task force to recommend a  
plan to consolidate the certain audit functions within an  
existing agency. These costs can be absorbed within the  
respective departments' existing budgeted resources.

2 The additional costs to examine the feasibility of having  
3 the Department of the Attorney General provide administrative  
4 hearings that are currently provided by the Department of Human  
5 Services can be absorbed by the 2 departments utilizing existing  
6 budgeted resources.

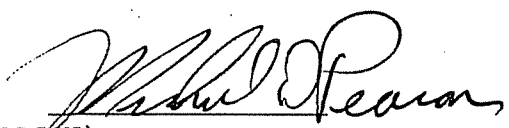
7 Part E of this bill provides for a General Fund transfer of  
8 \$566,418 from the Mental Retardation Services - Community program  
9 to the Mental Health Services - Children program and a transfer  
10 of \$363,282 from the Medicaid Services - Mental Retardation  
11 program to the Mental Health Services - Child Medicaid program to  
12 reflect the transfer of responsibility for certain children from  
13 the Division of Mental Retardation to the Bureau of Children with  
14 Special Needs.

15 The additional costs to explore joint location upon the  
16 expiration of certain leases can be absorbed by the Department of  
17 Administrative and Financial Services, the Department of Human  
18 Services and the Department of Mental Health and Mental  
19 Retardation.

20 The Department of Administrative and Financial Services will  
21 also incur some minor additional costs to prepare and submit the  
22 required progress reports. These costs can be absorbed within  
23 the department's existing budgeted resources.'

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30 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

31 This amendment removes the General Fund appropriation for  
32 the Public Participation Team. The team is authorized to receive  
33 federal or private grants to conduct its work. The amendment  
34 also replaces the fiscal note.

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38 SPONSORED BY:   
39 (Senator PEARSON)

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41 COUNTY: Penobscot