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S.P. 117

In Senate, January 29, 2019

**Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Health and Human Services
To Convene a Task Force To Study the Need for Long-term Acute
Care Hospital**

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

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CLAXTON of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Senators: GRATWICK of Penobscot, LIBBY of Androscoggin, SANBORN,
L. of Cumberland, Representative: CARNEY of Cape Elizabeth.

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Sec. 1. Commissioner of Health and Human Services to convene task force. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Health and Human Services shall convene a task force to evaluate the need for long-term acute care beds in the State.

Sec. 2. Task force duties. Resolved: That the evaluation by the task force convened under section 1 must include:

- 1. An estimate of the patient population in the State needing services provided by long-term acute care hospitals and where that patient population is receiving care now;
- 2. An analysis of the financial impact of the lack of long-term acute care beds on patients, families and facilities in the State;
- 3. An evaluation of the best locations in the State for long-term acute care beds; and
- 4. An evaluation of the options available regarding the number of long-term acute care beds in the State, including an estimate of the costs to establish a long-term acute care hospital in the State and designating existing beds as long-term acute care beds.

Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Health and Human Services shall report the findings and conclusions of the task force under section 2, including any recommended legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by December 1, 2019. The joint standing committee is authorized to submit a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

SUMMARY

This resolve requires the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to convene a task force to evaluate the need for long-term acute care beds in the State. The commissioner is required to submit a report detailing findings of the task force and recommended legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services, which may submit a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.