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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-516)
109TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 808, L.D. 1011, RESOLVE,
Relating to the Provision of Mental Health Services for Children
and Families.

Amend the Resolve in the title by striking out the word
"Families" and inserting in its place the word 'Adolescents'

Further amend the Resolve by striking out everything after
the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Inpatient Psychiatric Program; plan established. Resolved:
That the Department of Mental Health and Corrections, in con-
junction with Eastern Maine Medical Center, shall develop and
implement a plan to provide an inpatient psychiatric program
for severely emotionally disturbed children and adolescents who
are a danger to themselves or to others; and be it further

Resolved: That there is a clear need for such a program
located in eastern Maine to provide psychiatric evaluation,
diagnosis and treatment for this population. The program shall
be developed in a specific geographic area with the assistance
of state mental health institutes, private hospitals, mental
health centers and other public and private agencies. the
services shall be available statewide. There shall be included
in the plan details of the process for operating the program and
an indication of the necessary resources for operations; and be
it further

Resolved: That the Legislature, by recognizing the need for such a program and by requesting the development and implementation of the plan, indicates its support for acquisition of public or private grants or funds for the program's development and operation.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this resolve is to establish the responsibility for development and implementation of a program of psychiatric evaluation, diagnosis and treatment by the Department of Mental Health and Corrections.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Health and Institutional Services
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