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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-30)
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 175, L.D. 224, Bill, "AN ACT to Amend the Statutes Relating to the Developmental Disabilities Council."

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 34 MRSA §13 is enacted to read:

§13. State planning^{and} advisory council on developmental disabilities

1. Council established. The Governor shall establish a State Planning^{and} Advisory Council on Developmental Disabilities and appoint appropriate representatives as are required as a condition of eligibility for benefits under "Amendments to the Developmental Disabilities Services and Facilities Construction Act of 1978," United States P.L. 95-602, 42 United States Code, section 6000 et seq., but also ensuring that there is at least one representative from each of the regions established by the Department of Mental Health and Corrections. Regional representatives shall not be in addition to those required by PL 95-602. This council shall consult and coordinate with the Commissioner of Mental Health and Corrections in carrying out the purposes of the program.

2. Sole administering agency; powers. Except where a single state agency is otherwise designated or established in accordance with any other state law, the department is designated to be the sole agency of the State to develop jointly the statewide plan with the council and to be the sole administering agency for that plan, which plan is now or may hereafter be required as a condition to the eligibility for benefits pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Act specified in subsection 1. The department is also authorized to receive, administer and expend any funds that may be available under this Federal Act or from any other sources, public or private, for those purposes.

Statement of Fact

The amendment adds language requiring the council to coordinate, as well as consult, with the commissioner. It makes clear that there will only be one set of regional representatives.

In subsection 2, the amendment adds the responsibility for the department to develop the statewide plan in conjunction with the council.

Reported by the Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.

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