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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "**A**" to H.P. 386, L.D. 520,
Bill, "AN ACT to Require Community Mental Health and
Mental Retardation Involvement in Social Services
Planning."

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Amend the bill by striking out everything after
the amending clause and inserting in its place the
following:

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'Sec. 1. 34-B MRSA §3004, sub-§3, ¶C, as amended
by PL 1985, c. 768, §4, is further amended to read:

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C. Prepare a report which describes the system
of community support services in each of the men-
tal health service regions and statewide.

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(1) The report shall include both existing
service resources and deficiencies in the
system of services.

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(2) The report shall include an assessment
of the roles and responsibilities of mental
health agencies, human services agencies,
health agencies and involved state depart-
ments and shall suggest ways in which these
agencies and departments can better cooper-
ate to improve the service system for peo-
ple with chronic mental illness.

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(3) The report shall be prepared biennially
and shall be submitted to the joint standing
committee of the Legislature having juris-
diction over ~~health---and---institutional~~
services human resources by ~~January~~ December
15th of every even-numbered year.

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(4) The committee shall review the report.

1 and make recommendations with respect to ad-
2 ministrative and funding improvements in the
3 system of community support services to per-
4 sons with chronic mental illness; and

5 **Sec. 2. 34-B MRSA §3006 is enacted to read:**

6 §3006. State Mental Health Plan

7 The Bureau of Mental Health, with the advice of
8 the Mental Health Advisory Council, shall:

9 A. Prepare a plan which describes the system of
10 mental health services in each of the mental
11 health service regions and statewide.

12 (1) The plan shall include both existing
13 and needed service resources.

14 (2) The plan shall include an assessment of
15 the roles and responsibilities of mental
16 health agencies, human services agencies,
17 health agencies and involved state depart-
18 ments and shall suggest ways in which these
19 agencies and departments can better cooper-
20 ate to improve the service system.

21 (3) The plan shall incorporate the Office
22 of Community Support Systems' report, devel-
23 oped in accordance with section 3004, sec-
24 tion 3, paragraph C.

25 (4) The plan shall be prepared biennially
26 and shall be submitted to the joint standing
27 committee of the Legislature having juris-
28 isdiction over human resources by December
29 15th of every even-numbered year. The com-
30 mittee shall review the plan and make recom-
31 mendations with respect to administrative
32 and funding improvements in the system.

33 (5) The plan shall be made public within

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1 the State in such a manner as to facilitate
2 public involvement;

3 B. Assure that the development of the plan in-
4 cludes the participation of community mental
5 health service providers, consumer and family
6 groups and others in annual statewide hearings,
7 as well as informal meetings and work sessions;
8 and

9 C. Consider community service needs, relate
10 these identified needs to biennial budget re-
11 quests and incorporate necessary service
12 initiatives into a comprehensive planning docu-
13 ment.'

14 STATEMENT OF FACT

15 This amendment:

16 1. Incorporates in statutory language the need
17 to involve community service agencies, consumers and
18 families in the development of needs and related bi-
19 ennial budget requests; and

20 2. Makes a significant change in requiring that
21 a comprehensive state mental health plan be developed
22 biennially instead of annually. The timing would co-
23 incide with the development of the State's biennial
24 budget.

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