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15 16 In Senate, March 4, 1987

Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested and ordered printed. $\,$

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate Presented by President PRAY of Penobscot. Cosponsored by Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec, Representative

HICKEY of Augusta, Representative PARADIS of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

Resolve, to Establish the Maine Commission to Review Overcrowding at the Augusta Mental Health Institute and the Bangor Mental Health Institute.

Commission established. Resolved: That the Maine Commission to Review Overcrowding at the Augusta Mental Health Institute and the Bangor Mental Health Institute is established, consisting of 15 members, 7 to be appointed by the President of the Senate, 7 by the Speaker of the House and one by the Commissioner of Mental Health and Mental Retardation; and be it

will examine overcrowding at these 2 mental health institutes, including: The use of medication; the ad-

1 2 3 4 5 6 7	equacy of programing and treatment alternatives for residents; the adequacy of current facilities, including space and environmental requirements, staffing patterns and patient-staff ratios; the impact of overcrowding on institution staff, safety of inmates and community and other issues determined by the commission; and be it further
8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15	Meetings; submission of report. Resolved: That the commission meet as necessary to study the issues through examination of data, consultation with staff and recognized experts, conduct public hearings and prepare a report which shall be submitted, together with any accompanying legislation, to the Second Regular Session of the 113th Legislature; and be it further
16 17 18 19 20 21	Staff assistance. Resolved: That the Legislative Council and the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis shall provide the commission with sufficient staff assistance to carry out these duties that may be authorized to hire outside consultants to conduct all or portions of the study if they so choose; and be it further
23 24 25	Reimbursement. Resolved: That all members of the commission shall receive reimbursement for travel and expenses only.
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27 28	This resolve creates a commission to review the overcrowding at the Augusta Mental Health Institute