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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
114TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 467, L.D. 1252, Bill, "An Act to Establish the Medicaid Advisory Committee on Mental Health"

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

'An Act to Establish the Mental Health Advisory Committee on Medicaid'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§62-A is enacted to read:

62-A. Mental Health Ad- Expenses Only 34-B MRSA
Health and Mental visory Committee for Legislators §3007
Retardation on Medicaid

Sec. 2. 34-B MRSA §3007 is enacted to read:

§3007. Mental Health Advisory Committee on Medicaid

1. Establishment. There is established as authorized in Title 5, section 12004-I, the Mental Health Advisory Committee on Medicaid to promote the availability and accessibility of mental health services to persons who are eligible for Medicaid by advising the Bureau of Mental Health on appropriate policies and actions.

2. Membership. The advisory committee shall consist of 9 members including: the Director of the Bureau of Children with Special Needs or the director's designee; the Director of the Bureau of Mental Health or the director's designee; the Director of the Bureau of Medical Services or the director's designee; one representative of mental health consumers appointed in consultation with a coalition of psychiatrically labeled people; one representative of families affected by mental illness to be appointed in consultation with an alliance for the mentally ill;

1 2 representative of providers of mental health services to be
2 appointed in consultation with providers of services to mentally
3 ill persons; and 2 Legislators, one Senator and one member from
4 the House of Representatives. All members and the chair of the
5 advisory committee shall be appointed jointly by the President of
6 the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The
7 initial appointments to this advisory committee shall be made
8 within 30 days of the effective date of this section.

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10 3. Terms of membership; vacancies. The term of office of
11 an appointed member is 2 years. Upon expiration of a member's
12 term, the member shall serve until reappointed or until a
13 successor is appointed. Any member may be removed for cause,
14 which shall include excessive absences from meetings of the
15 advisory committee. A vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired
16 term in the same manner in which the initial appointment is made.

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18 4. Meetings. The advisory committee shall meet as
19 necessary and may be convened at the call of the chair or any 2
20 members, with the initial meeting to be called by the chair of
21 the Legislative Council.

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23 5. Quorum. Five members of the advisory committee shall
24 constitute a quorum. No formal action may be taken by the
25 advisory committee except by vote of a majority of those present
26 and voting.

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28 6. Compensation. Members shall serve without
29 compensation. Members who are Legislators shall receive expenses
30 in accordance with Title 5, chapter 379.

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32 7. Powers and duties. The advisory committee shall consult
33 with and advise the Director of the Bureau of Mental Health and
34 the staff of the bureau on the provisions of the Medicaid program
35 relating to mental health programs in this State.

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38 **FISCAL NOTE**

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40 Additional costs will be incurred due to payment of expenses
41 for members who are Legislators. The Department of Mental Health
42 and Mental Retardation can absorb these costs within existing
43 resources.'

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45 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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47 This amendment provides that the advisory committee will
48 advise the Bureau of Mental Health rather than the Department of
49 Human Services, adds 2 members and authorizes expenses for

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1 legislative members. It also removes the provisions of the
original bill relating to adjustment of reimbursement rates for
3 community mental health providers.

Reported by the Majority for the Committee on Human Resources.
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