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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
114TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 563, L.D. 1566, Bill, "An Act to Establish the Office of Substance Abuse Services within the Executive Department"

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

'An Act Providing for the Development of a Proposal for the Delivery of Substance Abuse Programs Throughout the State'

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

**'Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** there is substantial public concern with respect to the delivery of substance abuse services funded with state and federal money; and

**Whereas,** this concern focuses on the structure of the delivery system and the need for highly effective and efficient means for providing services to people with substance abuse problems; and

**Whereas,** it is essential to address this public concern as soon as possible and introduce any necessary implementing legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 114th Legislature; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. Study.** The Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government, referred to in this Act as the committee, shall study the current structure of state substance abuse assistance and services throughout the State. The committee shall consider, but not be limited to:

1. The degree of efficiency of the current delivery system of state substance abuse assistance and programs;

2. The degree to which the current delivery system of substance abuse assistance and programs meets the needs of substance abusers; and

3. The type of state delivery system that best meets the needs of substance abusers and the structure of state programs and services that accomplishes this purpose.

**Sec. 2. Use of subcommittee.** A 7-member subcommittee of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government shall conduct the study and present its findings and recommendations to the full committee. The 7-member subcommittee shall be appointed jointly by the presiding officers of the Senate and House of Representatives.

**Sec. 3. Consult with departments and committees.** The committee, throughout the course of the study, shall advise members of the Joint Standing Committees on Human Resources and the Joint Standing Committee on Education of the committee's findings. The committee shall consult with the Department of Corrections, the Department of Educational and Cultural Services, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation and the Department of Public Safety in conducting its research.

**Sec. 4. Copies of findings and recommendations to legislative committees.** The committee shall provide copies of its findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Education, the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources and the Joint Standing Committee on Corrections for review and comment, prior to the issue of a final report.

**Sec. 5. Meetings and compensation.** The study subcommittee shall hold its first meeting no later than August 15, 1989, and shall be compensated for no more than 5 meetings. The full committee shall be compensated for no more than 2 meetings. Committee members shall be compensated in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2.

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1           **Sec. 6. Staff.** The Legislative Council shall provide staff  
for the committee.

3           **Sec. 7. Report.** The committee shall report its findings and  
5 recommendations with any necessary implementing legislation to  
7 the Second Regular Session of the 114th Legislature as prescribed  
by the Legislative Council.

9           **Sec. 8. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated  
from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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Personal Services	\$3,355
All Other	5,600

Provides funds for a 7-member subcommittee of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government to study the current structure of state substance abuse assistance and services. Also provides funds for no more than 2 meetings of the full committee to review the subcommittee's findings.

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**TOTAL** \$8,955

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect upon adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 114th Legislature.'

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

This amendment proposes that the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government conduct a study of the delivery system of state-funded substance abuse programs and services throughout the State. The committee will consult with state agencies involved in funding or providing substance abuse programs and services. In addition, the committee will advise the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources, the Joint Standing Committee on Education and the Joint Standing Committee on Corrections of its findings throughout the study.

The committee is required to determine whether the current delivery system meets the needs of substance abusers. The committee is also required to determine the type of delivery

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1 system and structure of programs that best meets the needs of the  
users.

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5 A study subcommittee of the Joint Standing Committee on  
State and Local Government, composed of 7 members, will conduct  
7 the study and report to the full committee. The full committee  
will issue findings and recommendations for review and comment by  
9 the Joint Standing Committee on Corrections, the Joint Standing  
Committee on Education and the Joint Standing Committee on Human  
11 Resources. A final report will be presented to the Second  
Regular Session of the 114th Legislature and will include any  
necessary implementing legislation.

Reported by Senator Berube for the Committee on State and  
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