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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
115TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 538, L.D. 1436, "Resolve, to Direct the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation to Develop a Proposal to Improve Staff Retention in Community-based Programs Serving Persons with Mental Retardation"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of the 4th indented paragraph (page 1, lines 29 to 41 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

Rules. Resolved: That the Department of Human Services shall submit a report recommending, prior to implementation, any proposed changes in Medicaid rules or principles of reimbursement governing services to persons with mental retardation, except those relating to section 2 of the Medical Assistance Manual relating to nursing facilities that are currently being processed, pending finalization of current interdepartmental negotiations relating to the transfer of responsibilities regarding services for persons with mental retardation to the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation by January 15, 1992. The report must also address the effect of freezing reimbursement rates at the fiscal year 1990-91 level as required by Public Law 1991, chapter 528, Part E, section 47 and the effect on wages and salaries for direct care and related staff of intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded. The Department of Human Services shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources and the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs regarding the final agreements reached by January 15, 1992.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment requires the Department of Human Services to submit a report detailing any proposed changes in Medicaid rules or principles of reimbursement prior to implementation with

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2 specific information relating to wages and salaries for direct
care and related staff.

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