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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
115TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "^A" to H.P. 1013, L.D. 1481, Bill, "An Act to Facilitate the Delivery of Family Support Services"

Amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated "§1801." by striking out all of subsection 3.

Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated "§1801." by renumbering the subsections to read consecutively.

Further amend the bill in section 2 by striking out all of that part designated "§1803." and inserting in its place the following:

'§1803. Family support policy coordination

With the assistance and advice of the councils established in sections 1804 and 1805, the commissioner shall coordinate the development and implementation of consistent family support policies and services among the department's bureaus. The commissioner shall assign at least one person from each bureau to carry out the duties of this subchapter. The duties include but are not limited to the following.

1. Resource allocation. Those persons assigned by the commissioner under this section shall make recommendations to the commissioner regarding the allocation or reallocation of family support resources among the bureaus.

2. Policy development and implementation. Those persons assigned by the commissioner under this section shall develop and implement a family support policy that is consistent among the bureaus.

2 3. Service coordination and monitoring. Those persons
3 assigned by the commissioner under this section shall oversee
4 service coordination for families who are served by more than one
5 bureau and shall resolve interbureau disagreements.

6 4. Liaison to other departments. Those persons assigned by
7 the commissioner under this section shall serve as the
8 department's liaison to other departments when a family is served
9 by more than one department.'

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11 Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated
12 "§1804." in the 2nd paragraph by striking out all of the last
13 sentence (page 4, lines 40 to 44 in L.D.).

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15 Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated
16 "§1805." in the first paragraph by striking out all of the last
17 sentence (page 5, lines 1 to 3 in L.D.) and inserting in its
18 place the following: 'The department shall provide appropriate
19 staff assistance to the council.'

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21 Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated
22 "§1805." in the 2nd paragraph in the 2nd line (page 5, line 6 in
23 L.D.) by striking out the following: "and the office"

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25 Further amend the bill by inserting before the statement of
26 fact the following:

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28 **FISCAL NOTE**

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30 The costs to coordinate the development and implementation
31 of family support policy and fulfill the provisions of this bill
32 will be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the various
33 bureaus of the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

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35 The Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation can
36 absorb the costs associated with the Family Support Council
37 within budgeted resources.'

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39 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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41 The amendment removes references in the bill to the Office
42 of Family Support. The coordination envisioned by the original
43 bill will occur without establishing a separate office. The
44 amendment also removes a provision that would have made regional
45 family support councils responsible for assisting the
46 Commissioner of Mental Health and Mental Retardation to plan for
47 the implementation of court judgments such as the Augusta Mental
48 Health Institute decree.

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50 The amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.