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STATE OF MAINE SENATE 115TH LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "O" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 929, L.D. 2384, Bill, "An Act to Restructure State Government"

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16 Amend the amendment in Part A in section 5 in subsection 9 in paragraph B in subparagraph (3) in division (d) in the last 18 line (page 6, line 41 in amendment) by inserting after the following: "Services" the following: '<u>; and</u>'

Further amend the amendment in Part A in section 5 in subsection 9 in paragraph B in subparagraph (3) by striking out all of division (e) (page 6, lines 43 and 44 in amendment)

Further amend the amendment in Part A in section 5 in subsection 9 in paragraph C in subparagraph (3) in division (a) in the last line (page 7, line 33 in amendment) by striking out the following: "; and" and inserting in its place the following ';-and _'

Further amend the amendment in Part A in section 5 in subsection 9 in paragraph C in subparagraph (3) by striking out all of division (b) (page 7, lines 35 to 37 in amendment)

Further amend the amendment in Part B by striking out all of sections 2 to 7 and inserting in their place the following:

'Sec. B-2. Transition. The Department of Education shall assume all responsibilities of the Bureau of Rehabilitation, which is within the Department of Human Services, except the responsibilities of the Division of Disability Determination Services. All duties and responsibilities of the Bureau of Rehabilitation, except the duties and responsibilities of the Division of Disability Determination Services, become the duties and responsibilities of the Department of Education on the

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SENATE AMENDMENT

"D" SENATE AMENDMENT to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 929, L.D. 2384

effective date of this Act. All positions, employees and related functions of the Bureau of Rehabilitation, except the positions, in Division Disability employees and functions the of Determination Services, must be transferred administratively to the Department of Education. All existing appropriations and allocations of the Bureau of Rehabilitation, except those . appropriations and allocations assigned to the Division of Disability Determination Services, are transferred to the Department of Education.

The Commissioner of the Department of Education shall submit 12 the Legislature by January 30, 1993 specific language to detailing the statutory and budgetary changes necessary to effect the transition of the Bureau of Rehabilitation to the Department 14 of Education. Laws affecting the Bureau of Rehabilitation remain in effect until new language is adopted following the January 30, 16 1993 submission by the Commissioner of Education.'

Further amend the amendment by striking all of the fiscal note and inserting in its place the following:

'FISCAL NOTE

1991-92

APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

General Fund

\$10,900

Part A of the bill will require a General Fund appropriation to the Legislature of \$10,900 in fiscal year 1991-92 for the per diem and expenses of the Commission on the Reorganization of Health, Social and Developmental Services, which will report out legislation to create 2 new state departments by merging several current departments and agencies. The Legislature can absorb staffing costs during any interim between sessions. 36

The Department of Human Services, the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, the Office of Substance Abuse and the Office of Community Services can absorb the costs of providing information and assistance to the commission within existing budgeted resources.

The Interdepartmental Council will absorb the costs related to a study of juvenile corrections services.

It can not be determined if any savings can be achieved through the proposed reorganization.

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Part B of the bill provides for the transfer of the Bureau of Rehabilitation from the Department of Human Services to the Department of Education. The Department of Education can absorb the costs associated with preparing legislation to implement necessary statutory and budgetary changes. It can not be determined if this transfer will result in any cost savings.

Part C of the bill abolishes the State Planning Office in fiscal year 1993-94 and establishes a Director of State Planning in the Office of the Governor. It can not be determined if there will be future General Fund savings until the Legislature determines the reassignment of current program components to other state agencies.

Part D of the bill deappropriates \$176,238 in fiscal year 1992-93 from the Maine World Trade Association and reappropriates this same amount to the International Commerce Division within the Department of Economic and Community Development. This amount may require adjustment pending the outcome of the 1992-93 supplemental budget proposal, L.D. 2185.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment strikes out the provisions in the committee amendment that move the child development services system and the Division of Alcohol and Drug Education Program from the Department of Education to the Department of Children and Families.

The amendment also strikes out provisions in the committee amendment that establish the Bureau for the Blind and Visually Impaired in the Department of Education. The amendment moves the entire Bureau of Rehabilitation, except the Division of Disability Determination Services, from the Department of Human services to the Department of Education to submit statutory and budgetary changes necessary for the transition to the 116th Legislature.

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