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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
115TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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

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

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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2 effective date of this Act. All positions, employees and related
3 functions of the Bureau of Rehabilitation, except the positions,
4 employees and functions in the Division of Disability
5 Determination Services, must be transferred administratively to
6 the Department of Education. All existing appropriations and
7 allocations of the Bureau of Rehabilitation, except those
8 appropriations and allocations assigned to the Division of
9 Disability Determination Services, are transferred to the
10 Department of Education.

11 The Commissioner of the Department of Education shall submit
12 to the Legislature by January 30, 1993 specific language
13 detailing the statutory and budgetary changes necessary to effect
14 the transition of the Bureau of Rehabilitation to the Department
15 of Education. Laws affecting the Bureau of Rehabilitation remain
16 in effect until new language is adopted following the January 30,
17 1993 submission by the Commissioner of Education.'

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

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21 **FISCAL NOTE**
22 **1991-92**

23 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

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

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

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

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

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

14 Part D of the bill deappropriates \$176,238 in fiscal year
16 1992-93 from the Maine World Trade Association and reappropriates
this same amount to the International Commerce Division within
18 the Department of Economic and Community Development. This
amount may require adjustment pending the outcome of the 1992-93
20 supplemental budget proposal, L.D. 2185.

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24 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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

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

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44 (Senator ESTES)
46 SPONSORED BY: *Stephen C. Estes*

48 COUNTY: York

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