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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
116TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 85, L.D. 198, Bill, "An Act to Improve Access to Dental Services"

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 1 and 2 and inserting in their place the following:

**Sec. 1. Ad hoc committee.** The Ad Hoc Committee on Access to Dental Services is established to examine ways that federal funds for dental services may be maximized by using existing state, local and private funds to meet any matching requirements that exist and to enhance the coordination of dental services among the Department of Human Services, the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation and the Department of Corrections. The goal of the committee is to improve access to dental services for people with low incomes.

**Sec. 2. Members.** The committee consists of 9 members as follows:

1. One representative from the Department of Human Services appointed by the Commissioner of Human Services;
2. One representative from the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation appointed by the Commissioner of Mental Health and Mental Retardation;
3. One representative from the Department of Corrections appointed by the Commissioner of Corrections;
4. One representative from each of the 3 nonprofit agencies that administer community-based dental health clinics in the State, with each representative nominated by the executive

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2 director of that representative's nonprofit agency and appointed  
by the Commissioner of Human Services;

4 5. One person representing people with low incomes,  
appointed by the Chair of the Medicaid Advisory Committee;

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8 6. One dentist in private practice, nominated by the  
Executive Director of the Maine Dental Association and appointed  
by the Commissioner of Human Services; and

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12 7. One person representing rural health centers, nominated  
by the Executive Director of the Maine Ambulatory Care Coalition  
and appointed by the Commissioner of Human Services.'

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16 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the  
statement of fact the following:

18 **FISCAL NOTE**

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22 The additional costs to be represented on the Ad Hoc  
Committee on Access to Dental Services can be absorbed by the  
24 Department of Human Services, the Department of Corrections and  
the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation utilizing  
existing budgeted resources.'

28 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

30 This amendment is the majority report.

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34 The amendment clarifies that part of the purpose of the Ad  
Hoc Committee on Access to Dental Services is to enhance  
36 coordination among the 3 state departments that are represented  
on the committee.

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40 The amendment also adds the following representatives to the  
committee: one person representing people with low incomes, one  
private dentist and one representative from rural health centers.

42 The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

Reported by the Majority for the Committee on Human Resources.  
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