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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1296, L.D. 1751, Bill, "An Act to Maintain State-staffed Crisis Programs"

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause and before section 1 the following:

Sec. 1. Mental health crisis programs; service delivery report. The Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, community service agencies providing mental health crisis programs and representatives of the Maine State Employees Association shall study the service delivery system for mental health crisis programs throughout the State existing after the effective date of this Act. This group shall report their findings and recommendations on how to best provide these services statewide to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over human resource matters no later than January 6, 1995. The department shall provide any necessary staff support to the group.

Further amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of the 8th and 9th lines (page 1, lines 30 and 31 in L.D.) and inserting in their place the following:

'Personal Services	\$817,573
All Other	(817,573)'

Further amend the bill by renumbering the sections to read consecutively.

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

FISCAL NOTE

The additional costs to participate in the service delivery study can be absorbed by the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment represents the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. It corrects the amounts in the line category transfer in the appropriation for the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation to maintain 18 positions for state staffing of mental health crisis programs. This amendment also authorizes the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation and other invited groups to study how mental health crisis programs are staffed and report back to the First Regular Session of the 117th Legislature. This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.