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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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16 HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to S.P. 777, "Joint Order Granting the  
Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services the  
Authority to Act as an Investigating Committee"

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20 Amend the joint order in the last paragraph in the last line  
by striking out the following: "committee." and inserting in its  
place the following: 'committee; and be it further'

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24 Further amend the joint order by inserting after the last  
paragraph the following:

26 'ORDERED, that the Joint Standing Committee on Health and  
Human Services conduct the study only with the approval of the  
28 Legislative Council; and be it further

30 ORDERED, that the Senate and House chairs of the Joint  
Standing Committee on Health and Human Services provide the  
32 Legislative Council for its approval, the following:

34 1. A work plan describing the mission of the study, the  
36 activities necessary to conduct the study and the scope of  
the study;

38 2. A budget necessary for the committee to complete its  
40 work, as provided in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3,  
section 165, subsection 7; and

42 3. A completion date for the study; and be it further

44 ORDERED, that the Joint Standing Committee on Health and  
Human Services may not employ consultants and staff or use  
46 volunteers who own or are employed in any business that is a  
provider of mental health services, who have contracts with a

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provider of mental health services or who could have a conflict of interest as the result of recommendations of the committee.'

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SUMMARY

This amendment requires the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services to receive approval from the Legislative Council before conducting a study of the delivery of mental health services. It also requires the chairs of the committee to provide to the council for its approval a work plan describing the study, a budget and a completion date. The amendment limits who the committee may employ or use as a volunteer based on conflict of interest provisions.

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