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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 963, L.D. 1326, Bill, "An Act to Provide Boards of Directors for State Mental Health Institutes"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Clarify the Responsibilities of the Institute Councils of the Augusta Mental Health Institute and the Bangor Mental Health Institute'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 34-B MRSA §3607, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 691, §7, is amended to read:

The department shall establish 9 7 quality improvement councils, called area councils, to oversee evaluate the delivery of mental health services to children and adults under the authority of the department and to advise the department regarding quality assurance, systems development and the delivery of mental health services to children and adults under the authority of the department. The department shall also establish 2 institute councils to evaluate the delivery of mental health services at the 2 state mental health institutes and advise the department regarding quality assurance, operations and functions of the mental health institutes.

Sec. 2. 34-B MRSA §3607, sub-§10 is enacted to read:

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10. Institute councils. Within the limitations of state and federal law, adequate information must be provided by the mental health institutes and the department to the institute councils to perform their duties, including but not limited to:

A. Input into the annual budgets of the mental health institutes;

B. Achievement of the goals and objectives of the department as they pertain to the mental health institutes;

C. Compliance with all professional accreditation standards applicable to the mental health institutes;

D. Review, oversight and assessment of services and programs provided to residents of the mental health institutes and their families;

E. Review of personnel policies and employment patterns, including staffing requirements and patterns, the use of overtime assignments and training and job development;

F. Input into public relations efforts of the department and the mental health institutes and community education initiatives; and

G. Monitoring building and grounds maintenance and safety and risk management on the campuses of the mental health institutes.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

The Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services will incur some minor additional costs associated with expanding the responsibilities of the two institute quality improvement councils. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. It changes the title. It clarifies and adds to the responsibilities of the mental institute quality improvement councils established by the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, giving them evaluation and advice functions

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2 resembling those of boards of directors. It clarifies the duties of the 7 area quality improvement councils. It also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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