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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1021, L.D. 1413, Bill, "An Act to Maintain the Augusta Mental Health Institute and the Bangor Mental Health Institute"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 3.

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 4 the following:

Sec. 5. 34-B MRSA §3202, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Limitation. The term of office of an acting superintendent may not exceed 6 months from the date of appointment. An acting superintendent is not eligible for reappointment.

Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

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 require significant additional General Fund appropriations to support the additional costs associated with developing individualized support plans and providing the identified services to meet the unmet needs of the

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2 new group of individuals who will be assessed. The department
will also require additional General Fund appropriations and
4 Other Special Revenue allocations to support the additional costs
to the state mental health facilities that result from changes in
6 the admissions policies. The amounts required, by program and
fiscal year, can not be estimated at this time.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing
12 Committee on Health and Human Services. It deletes the portion
of the bill that addressed the qualifications of the acting
14 superintendent of the state mental health institutes. It adds a
provision limiting the time a person may serve as acting
16 superintendent to 6 months, with no reappointment possible, the
same limitations applicable to acting deputy commissioners of
18 executive branch departments. It also adds a fiscal note to the
bill.

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