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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1200, L.D. 1700, Bill, "An Act to Simplify the Process for Applying for State Services for People with Disabilities"

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3-E is enacted to read:

§3-E. Automated service delivery system

The State shall establish an automated service delivery system, referred to in this section as "the system," for determining eligibility for all state assistance programs and, to the extent possible, all federal assistance programs serving people with disabilities. This system must be based on the integrated service coordination system developed by the Department of Corrections, the Department of Education, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services and the Department of Public Safety and must have the following attributes.

1. Easy entry. Any agency offering services under a state assistance program must be able to provide to a consumer information about eligibility and service delivery for all services within the system. Alternative formats, such as Braille, must be available as appropriate.

2. Primary service coordinator. If the consumer is determined to be eligible for services, a primary service coordinator shall coordinate all services among the service providers. As needs change, the primary service coordinator may

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2 change. The system must include provisions for changing the
primary service coordinator when appropriate.

4 3. Consumer participation. The system must permit the
consumer and the service provider together to determine what
6 services will be utilized and how they will be delivered.

8 4. Confidentiality. The system must include provisions
that protect consumer confidentiality.

10 The system must be in operation by July 1, 2000.

12 **Sec. 2. Report.** By January 31, 1998, the Commissioner of
14 Corrections, the Commissioner of Education, the Commissioner of
16 Human Services, the Commissioner of Mental Health, Mental
18 Retardation and Substance Abuse Services and the Commissioner of
20 Public Safety jointly shall submit a report with an
22 implementation plan for the automated service delivery system
24 established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22,
section 3-E and intermediate goals to the Joint Standing
Committee on Health and Human Services. The report must state
how the system will meet each of the criteria in Title 22,
section 3-E.'

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

28 **FISCAL NOTE**

30 The Department of Human Services, the Department of Public
32 Safety, the Department of Education, the Department of
34 Corrections and the Department of Mental Health, Mental
Retardation and Substance Abuse Services will require additional
36 General Fund appropriations and Federal Expenditure Fund
allocations beginning in fiscal year 1999-2000 to establish a
38 central automated service delivery system. The amounts required
by department, by fund, by program and by fiscal year can not be
determined at this time.

40 The additional costs associated with the reporting
42 requirement can be absorbed by the departments' utilizing
existing budgeted resources.'

44 **SUMMARY**

46 This amendment replaces the bill. It requires the State to
48 develop an automated service delivery system for providing
50 information on services available to persons with disabilities,

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2 including information on eligibility for state and, to the extent
possible federal assistance programs by July 1, 2000. The
4 amendments requires the system to guard consumer confidentiality
and to provide primary service coordinators to work with the
6 consumers and providers of services. The amendment also adds a
fiscal note to the bill.

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