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### STATE OF MAINE SENATE 118TH LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 721, L.D. 1964, "Resolve, to Ensure that Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Are Provided in an Efficient, Accessible and Cost-effective Manner"

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in its place the following:

**Sec. 2. Recommendations. Resolved:** That the Commissioner of Labor, in consultation with the members of the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, the Deaf Advisory Council, the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf, advocacy groups and organizations representing persons who are deaf and hard-of-hearing, and all affected agencies, including but not limited to the Department of Corrections, the Department of Education, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Transportation, the Maine Emergency Management Agency, the Maine Turnpike Authority and the Public Utilities Commission, shall make recommendations to the Governor and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters by September 15, 1998 for statutory changes, reorganization or restructuring, and funding as necessary to carry out these recommendations. The joint standing committee may report out legislation as necessary to implement the recommendations of the commissioner to the First Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.'

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

**FISCAL NOTE**

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The Department of Labor will incur some minor additional costs to assess the Division of Deafness and to report any subsequent recommendations to the Legislature. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.

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Several state agencies will incur some minor additional costs to consult with the Department of Labor on the development of recommendations regarding the Division of Deafness. These costs can be absorbed within those agencies' existing budgeted resources.'

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**SUMMARY**

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The amendment eliminates the formation of an official subcommittee and adds affected agencies to the list of entities with which the Commissioner of Labor must consult when making recommendations regarding the Division of Deafness. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the resolve.