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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 518, L.D. 725, Bill, "An Act to Clarify Confidentiality of Mental Health Information"

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

'Resolve, to Study the Confidentiality of Information Regarding Persons Receiving Services Funded in Whole or in Part by the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services'

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

'Sec. 1. Study. Resolved: That the Department of Mental, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services shall study the confidentiality of information regarding persons receiving services funded in whole or in part by the department and shall report back its findings and any recommended legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by December 1, 2000. The Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services may report out legislation based on the report to the First Regular Session of the 120th Legislature. The study must include participation from consumers and providers of services, Legislators and local service networks. The study must consider the requirements of professional ethical standards and state and federal laws, rules and regulations.'

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

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FISCAL NOTE

The Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services will incur some minor additional costs to conduct the study. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill, changing it to a resolve. It requires the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to study the confidentiality of information regarding persons receiving services funded in whole or in part by the department and report its findings and any recommended legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by December 1, 2000. The study must include participation from consumers and providers of services, Legislators and local service networks. The study must consider the requirements of professional ethical standards and state and federal laws, rules and regulations. The amendment adds a fiscal note.