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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 964, L.D. 2513, Bill, "An Act to Adopt Recommendations of the Department of Human Services and the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services and the Joint Advisory Committee on Select Services for the Elderly Related to the Mental Health Service Needs of the Elderly"

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

'Resolve, Regarding Services for Older Persons with Mental Illness'

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

'Sec. 1. Departmental initiatives. Resolved: That the Department of Human Services and the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services shall undertake initiatives related to the recommendations of the Joint Advisory Committee on Select Services for Older Persons that reflect the goals outlined in the recommendations and can be accomplished within the budgets of the departments. By February 1, 2001, the departments shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on their progress regarding these initiatives; and be it further

Sec. 2. Quality assurance. Resolved: That, within the limits of the appropriated funds, the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services shall adopt quality assurance measures and performance indicators for service providers that reflect the needs and circumstances of

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older persons. By February 1, 2001, the department shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on progress regarding these measures and indicators; and be it further

Sec. 3. Joint Advisory Committee on Select Services for Older Persons. Resolved: That the Department of Human Services and the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services shall provide support for the Joint Advisory Committee on Select Services for Older Persons, referred to in this section as the "advisory committee." The advisory committee shall operate until December 31, 2002. The advisory committee shall study the special needs of older persons, including, but not limited to, services or treatment for mental health, mental retardation, substance abuse and dementia and shall advise the departments on services required to meet those needs. The advisory committee shall monitor the development of new initiatives within both departments that serve older persons with special needs. The advisory committee shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on February 1, 2001, August 1, 2001, February 1, 2002, August 1, 2002 and December 31, 2002.'

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

FISCAL NOTE

The additional costs associated with undertaking initiatives regarding services to older persons with special needs, adopting quality assurance measures and performance indicators and providing support to the Joint Advisory Committee on Select Services for Older Persons can be absorbed by the Department of Human Services and the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. It requires the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services and the Department of Human Services to undertake initiatives regarding services to older persons with special needs, requires the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to adopt quality assurance measures and performance indicators and requires the 2 departments to support the Joint Advisory Committee on Select

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2 Services for Older Persons, which will advise the departments and monitor new initiatives. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the resolve.