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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 493, L.D. 633, Bill, "An Act to Provide Residential and Community-based Services Through the Children's Mental Health Program"

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

'An Act to Require Reporting on Children's Crisis Services'

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

'Sec. 1. Reporting on children's crisis services. Beginning October 31, 2001, the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services shall report by the last day of each month on the status of children's crisis services provided or requested under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-B, chapter 15. The report must cover the number of children in crisis situations for the preceding month, the time it took to secure an appropriate hospital or residential placement or community-based services for the child and the resolution of the crisis, including the plan for providing hospitalization, residential placement or community-based services as was determined to be appropriate. The report must include all children in crisis situations, regardless of the source of payment for hospitalization, residential placement or community-based services. The report must protect the confidentiality of all persons involved in the situation as required by state or federal law, rule or regulation. In preparing the report, the department

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2 shall obtain information from general hospitals, psychiatric
3 hospitals, children's residential programs, crisis service
4 providers and state, county and local law enforcement agencies.
5 If the department determines that there is a substantial need for
6 residential placement, increased hospital resources or
7 community-based services or that action may be required by the
8 Legislature, the department shall highlight those issues in the
9 report. The department shall provide the report, which is public
10 information, to the Children's Mental Health Oversight Committee
11 established pursuant to Title 34-B, section 15004 and the joint
12 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
13 health and human services matters. The provisions of this
14 section must be accomplished within the department's existing
resources.'

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

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20 **FISCAL NOTE**

22 This bill requires the Department of Mental Health, Mental
23 Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to report monthly on the
24 status of children's crisis intervention services utilizing
25 existing budgeted resources. The ability of the department to
26 absorb these costs and the effect on existing programs and
27 initiatives can not be determined at this time.'

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30 **SUMMARY**

32 This amendment replaces the bill. It provides a new title.
33 It requires monthly reports by the Department of Mental Health,
34 Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to the Children's
35 Mental Health Oversight Committee and the joint standing
36 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and
37 human services matters on children's crisis services. The
38 amendment requires the accomplishment of this work within the
department's existing resources.

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The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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