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STATE OF MAINE SENATE 120TH LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 786, L.D. 2131, Bill, "An Act to Develop a Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring and Intervention Program"

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

'Resolve, to Direct the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services, Office of Substance Abuse to Study the Advisability and Feasibility of Creating a Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring and Intervention Program'

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 established. Resolved: That the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services, Office of Substance Abuse shall study the advisability and feasibility of creating a controlled substances prescription monitoring and intervention program; and be it further

Sec. 2. Duties. Resolved: That the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services, Office of Substance Abuse shall consider issues and make recommendations related to the advisability and feasibility of developing a prescription drug database for use as an intervention tool to address the abuse of controlled substances in this State. In accomplishing its duties, the Office of Substance Abuse shall make recommendations regarding the following:

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1. The advisability and feasibility of establishing a program to track prescription drugs, taking into consideration ethical and financial factors and the effectiveness of similar programs in other states;

2. The appropriate agency or agencies for implementing the program;

3. How information in the database should be collected, stored and disseminated to allow the program to operate in an effective and efficient manner while ensuring that confidentiality and privacy concerns are addressed;

4. The schedules of controlled substances that should be included in a program and the criteria for determining when intervention is warranted and when it may be necessary to notify law enforcement; and

5. Whether and how a program can be developed to collect data on prescriptions filled outside of this State; and be it further

Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services, Office of Substance Abuse shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over business and economic development matters by January 2, 2003. The report must summarize all findings and provide specific recommendations made pursuant to section 2 of this resolve, including any proposed legislation to implement these recommendations. The Office of Substance Abuse may not introduce legislation regarding the study pursuant to this resolve. Following the receipt and review of the report, the committee may report out a bill to the First Regular Session of the 121st Legislature.'

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

FISCAL NOTE

The Office of Substance Abuse in the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services will incur some minor additional costs to study the feasibility and advisability of establishing a controlled substances prescription monitoring and intervention program. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.'

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SUMMARY

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This resolve is a minority report and replaces the bill. It directs the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services, Office of Substance Abuse to study the feasibility and advisability of establishing a controlled substances prescription monitoring and intervention program. It directs the Office of Substance Abuse to make recommendations related to the implementation of the program, including the controlled substances to be included in the program, intervention and enforcement issues and confidentiality issues. It requires the Office of Substance Abuse to report back to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over business and economic development matters by January 2, 2003 and authorizes the committee to report out a bill during the First Regular Session of the 121st Legislature. It also adds a fiscal note.