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MAJORITY
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
121ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1085, L.D. 1480, Bill, "An Act To Change the Time Requirement for Mental Retardation Evaluations"

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

'Sec. 1. 34-B MRSA §5469, first ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1983, c. 580, §20, is amended to read:

Within ~~30~~ 90 days of the day of the application made under section 5467, the department shall obtain a report of the comprehensive evaluation made under section 5468, which shall must state specifically ~~in the report~~ whether or not the client is mentally retarded.

Sec. 2. Report. The Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January 30, 2004 regarding the length of time from application to completion of the comprehensive evaluation report for individuals who applied for mental retardation services during calendar year 2003. The department shall provide the committee with an accounting of the number of days between the date the application was made and the date the comprehensive evaluation report was completed for each application for mental retardation services received by the department during that period. The department shall also provide the committee with summary statistics, including the median number of days between application and report, for all applications for mental retardation services received in calendar year 2003 and separately for the periods before and after the effective date of this legislation.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

4 This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment changes the
6 time required to obtain a comprehensive evaluation of an
8 applicant for mental retardation services from 30 days to 90
10 days. The amendment requires the Department of Behavioral and
12 Developmental Services to report to the Joint Standing Committee
14 on Health and Human Services on the length of time between the
date of application and the completion of the comprehensive
evaluation report for each application made in 2003 and to make
separate statistical summary reports for 2003 and the periods
before and after the implementation of this legislation.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

**121st Maine Legislature
Office of Fiscal and Program Review**



LD 1480

**An Act To Change the Time Requirement for Mental Retardation
Evaluations**

LR 1966(02)

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund