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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Majority

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
122ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 416, L.D. 561, Bill, "An Act To Rename the Bangor Mental Health Institute the Dorothea Dix Center for Public Service and To Establish the Dorothea Dix Award"

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

'An Act To Rename the Bangor Mental Health Institute the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center and To Establish the Dorothea Dix Award'

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. 34-B MRSA c. 1, sub-c. 2-B is enacted to read:

SUBCHAPTER 2-B

DOROTHEA DIX AWARD

§1301. Dorothea Dix Award

The commissioner shall establish the Dorothea Dix Award, which recognizes and honors outstanding achievement in improving the lives of people living with mental illness or mental disabilities. The award must be made on April 4th of each odd-numbered year at the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center. The Governor or the Governor's designee shall present the award.

1. Eligibility. A person who is a Maine resident or has direct long-standing ties with Maine is eligible to win the award.

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2 2. Dorothea Dix Award Selection Committee; established.
3 The Dorothea Dix Award Selection Committee, known in this
4 subchapter as "the committee," is established and consists of the
5 following 4 members:

6 A. One member representing people with mental illness,
7 chosen by the Governor;

8 B. One member representing advocates for the legal rights
9 of people living with disabilities, chosen by the President
10 of the Senate;

11 C. One member representing people with mental disabilities,
12 chosen by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

13 D. One member representing children living with mental
14 illness or mental disabilities, chosen by the Attorney
15 General.

16 3. Selection procedure. Any person may nominate a
17 candidate for the award. The committee shall develop a review
18 and selection procedure.

19 **Sec. 2. 34-B MRSA §3201, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 459, §7,**
20 **is amended to read:**

21 **§3201. Maintenance**

22 The commissioner shall maintain 2 state mental health
23 institutes for the mentally ill, one at Bangor called the ~~Bangor~~
24 ~~Mental-Health-Institute~~ Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center and the
25 other at Augusta called the ~~Augusta--Mental--Health--Institute~~
26 Riverview Psychiatric Center.

27 **Sec. 3. Maine Revised Statutes amended; revision clause.** Wherever
28 in the Maine Revised Statutes the words "Bangor Mental Health
29 Institute" appear or reference is made to that entity or those
30 words, those words are amended to read or mean, as appropriate,
31 "Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center," and the Revisor of Statutes
32 shall implement this revision when updating, publishing or
33 republishing the statutes.

34 **Sec. 4. Maine Revised Statutes amended; revision clause.** Wherever
35 in the Maine Revised Statutes the words "Augusta Mental Health
36 Institute" appear or reference is made to that entity or those
37 words, those words are amended to read or mean, as appropriate,
38 "Riverview Psychiatric Center," and the Revisor of Statutes shall
39 implement this revision when updating, publishing or republishing
40 the statutes.

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Sec. 5. Transition provisions. All existing supplies, forms, letterheads and similar items bearing the name of or referring to the Bangor Mental Health Institute or the Superintendent of the Bangor Mental Health Institute may be used by the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center or the Superintendent of the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center until existing supplies of these items are exhausted.

All existing contracts, agreements and compacts of the Bangor Mental Health Institute currently in effect continue in effect.

Any positions authorized and allocated subject to the personnel laws to the Bangor Mental Health Institute are transferred to the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center and may continue to be authorized.'

SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report of the committee.

The amendment changes the new name for the Bangor Mental Health Institute to the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center and makes minor changes in the annual award of the Dorothea Dix Award. In addition, the amendment authorizes the revision of references to the Augusta Mental Health Institute, which was renamed in 2003.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)**



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and To Establish the Dorothea Dix Award**

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Replacement of existing signs at the Bangor Mental Health Institute can be absorbed by the Department of Health and Human Services utilizing existing budgetary resources.