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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 422, L.D. 1208, "Resolve, Creating a Working Group To Study the High Rate of Suicide in Maine"

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

'Resolve, Regarding the Prevention of Suicide'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of the 2nd and 3rd paragraphs after the title (page 1, lines 5 to 11 in L.D.) and inserting in their place the following:

'Whereas, this resolve establishes a program for the prevention of adult suicide; and

Whereas, the program and its study must be initiated promptly in order to save lives in this State; and'

Further amend the resolve by striking out all of sections 1 to 10 and inserting in their place the following:

'Sec. 1. Initiative for prevention of suicide. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Health and Human Services shall establish a program for the prevention of adult suicide. The development of the program must include a working group consisting of personnel from the Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Elder and Adult Services and Bureau of Health and the department's office of adult mental health services. The working

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2 group must include 3 Legislators, 2 of whom are appointed by the
 4 Speaker of the House from nominations submitted by the Joint
 6 Standing Committee on Health and Human Services and one of whom
 8 is appointed by the President of the Senate from nominations
 10 submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human
 12 Services. The President of the Senate shall appoint other
 14 interested persons, including, but not limited to,
 16 representatives of advocacy groups for persons who are elderly
 18 and persons with mental illness and family members of adults who
 20 have completed suicide. The Speaker of the House shall appoint a
 22 person representing the Joint Advisory Committee on Select
 24 Services for Older Persons and representatives of employers,
 26 providers of primary health care services and consumers of mental
 28 health services and such other persons as may be needed to
 develop an effective program. Members of the working group,
 including Legislators, serve without pay or reimbursement for
 expenses. The program must be created within existing resources
 developed through applications for grant funding, donations and
 other means; and be it further

22 **Sec. 2. Strategic plan. Resolved:** That the adult suicide
 24 prevention program must include a statewide strategic plan to
 26 address the incidence of adult suicide. The plan may include, as
 28 necessary to reasonably reduce the expected rate of adult
 suicide, a statewide preventative mentoring and buddy program, a
 statewide education program for providers of services and
 consumers and a communication plan for the education program, a
 media plan and an annual conference; and be it further

30 **Sec. 3. Report. Resolved:** That the Commissioner of Health and
 32 Human Services shall report by January 31, 2006 to the Joint
 34 Standing Committee on Health and Human Services regarding the
 status of the adult suicide prevention program under section 1
 and may present any recommendations.'

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SUMMARY

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40 This amendment changes the title and replaces the resolve.
 42 It directs the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to
 44 establish a program for the prevention of adult suicide and
 46 establishes a working group to advise the commissioner. It
 requires the development of a strategic plan and a report to the
 Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January
 31, 2006.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
 (See attached)



Approved: 05/20/05 *MAC*

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LD 1515

LR 1402(02)

Resolve, To Establish a Responsive, Community-based, Cost-effective and Comprehensive Adult Mental Health System

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

Any additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services can be absorbed by the department utilizing existing budgetary resources.