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122ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 594, L.D. 1612, Bill, "An Act To Mandate E-9-1-1 TDD Testing and Training"

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

'Resolve, To Ensure Proper Handling by the E-9-1-1 System of Calls Made by Persons Who Are Deaf, Hard-of-hearing or Speech-impaired'

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

Sec. 1. Development of adequate systems and testing. Resolved: That the Public Utilities Commission, Emergency Services Communication Bureau shall convene a stakeholders group, including representatives of dispatch centers that handle E-9-1-1 calls and the Maine Center on Deafness, to examine how to ensure that the E-9-1-1 system adequately handles calls made by persons who are deaf, hard-of-hearing or speech-impaired. The stakeholder group shall examine training needs and procedures, system standards and testing procedures as well as any other matters necessary to ensure that the E-9-1-1 system adequately handles calls made by persons who are deaf, hard-of-hearing or speech-impaired; and be it further

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That the Public Utilities Commission, Emergency Services Communication Bureau shall, no

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later than January 15, 2006, report to the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy the results of the stakeholder process established under section 1 and any recommendations for further actions. The report must include legislation necessary to implement recommendations of the bureau; and be it further

Sec. 3. Authority to report legislation. Resolved: That the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy may report out legislation relating to the subject matter of this resolve to the Second Regular Session of the 122nd Legislature.'

SUMMARY

This amendment changes the bill into a resolve. The amendment directs the Public Utilities Commission, Emergency Services Communication Bureau to convene a stakeholders group, including representatives of dispatch centers that handle E-9-1-1 calls and the Maine Center on Deafness, to examine how to ensure that the E-9-1-1 system adequately handles calls made by persons who are deaf, hard-of-hearing or speech-impaired. The Emergency Services Communication Bureau is required, no later than January 15, 2006, to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy the results of the stakeholder process. The Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy is authorized to report out legislation relating to the subject matter of this resolve to the Second Regular Session of the 122nd Legislature.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



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An Act To Mandate E-9-1-1 TDD Testing and Training

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

Committee: Utilities and Energy

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds