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STATE OF MAINE
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122ND LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 596, L.D. 1614, Bill, "An Act To Sustain and Strengthen Community Health Coalitions"

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

'Resolve, Regarding Comprehensive Community Health Coalitions'

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

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the development of core competencies, functions and performance standards for comprehensive community health coalitions before the end of 2006 is important to the operation of Maine's public health system; and

Whereas, inventorying resources and developing a plan to integrate some funding sources to support the public health functions identified in the State Health Plan during 2006 are important to Maine's public health system; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 **Sec. 1. Comprehensive community health coalitions. Resolved:**
3 That the Department of Health and Human Services shall recognize
4 and partner with comprehensive community health coalitions to
5 provide public health assessment, education and services.
6 Comprehensive community health coalition functions may include,
7 but are not limited to, needs assessment; development of a
8 community action plan; leveraging and coordinating resources,
9 funding and programs; monitoring quality of life indicators;
10 communication; technical assistance; and evaluation of health
11 initiatives; and be it further

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13 **Sec. 2. Public Health Work Group. Resolved:** That the Public
14 Health Work Group created under the State Health Plan shall
15 establish 2 subcommittees, the Coalition Core Competencies
16 Subcommittee and the Interdepartmental Subcommittee, and appoint
17 the members of those subcommittees in compliance with the
18 following:

19 1. The Coalition Core Competencies Subcommittee must be
20 cochaired by the member of the Maine Network of Healthy
21 Communities and the member of the Maine Center for Public Health
22 that sit on the Public Health Work Group. The subcommittee shall
23 develop core competencies, functions and performance standards
24 for comprehensive community health coalitions. The subcommittee
25 shall report on its work to the Public Health Work Group and to
26 the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by
27 August 30, 2006; and

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29 2. The Interdepartmental Subcommittee members must include
30 representatives of Communities for Children, the Governor's
31 Office of Health Policy and Finance, the Department of Health and
32 Human Services and that department's Office of Substance Abuse
33 and Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the
34 Department of Education, the Department of Corrections, the
35 Department of Conservation and the Department of Transportation.
36 The subcommittee shall inventory resources and develop a plan to
37 integrate some funding sources to support the public health
38 priorities and functions identified in the State Health Plan.
39 Each state agency member of the subcommittee shall determine how
40 to integrate the core competencies, functions and performance
41 standards into the work and funding decisions of that member's
42 agency. The subcommittee shall report on its work to the Public
43 Health Work Group and to the Joint Standing Committee on Health
44 and Human Services by October 30, 2006.

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46 By January 1, 2007, the Public Health Work Group shall
47 report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human
48 Services

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2 Services on any action that it has taken with regard to core
competencies, functions and performance standards for
4 comprehensive community health coalitions and the resource
inventory and integration of funding sources. The report must
6 also include identification of administrative units and regions
for the purposes of administration, funding and the effective and
efficient delivery of public health services.

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10 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.'

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14 **SUMMARY**

16 This amendment replaces the bill and changes it to a
resolve. The amendment adds emergency language to the resolve.
18 The amendment requires the Department of Health and Human
Services to recognize and partner with comprehensive community
20 health coalitions. The amendment directs the Public Health Work
Group created under the State Health Plan to form 2 subcommittees
22 to work on core competencies, functions and performance standards
for comprehensive community health coalitions and to inventory
24 resources and develop a plan to integrate some funding sources to
support the public health priorities and functions identified in
the State Health Plan. The amendment requires state agency
26 members of one subcommittee to determine how to integrate the
core competencies, functions and performance standards into the
28 work and funding decisions of their agencies. The amendment
requires reporting to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and
30 Human Services and the Public Health Work Group by the
subcommittees. It requires the Public Health Work Group to
32 report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human
Services by January 1, 2007.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



Approved: 01/26/06 *MAC*

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An Act To Sustain and Strengthen Community Health Coalitions

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 in implementing this bill can be absorbed by the Department utilizing existing budgeted resources. Any additional costs to departments or agencies designated for representation on the Interdepartmental Subcommittee of the Public Health Work Group are assumed to be minor.