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6 **STATE OF MAINE**
7 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**
8 **122ND LEGISLATURE**
9 **SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

9 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1241, L.D. 1733 "Resolve, Authorizing
10 the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services To Enter into Long-term
11 Ground Leases of Real Property and To Convey the Stone Buildings, the Administrative
12 Building and the Center Building Formerly Occupied by the Augusta Mental Health
13 Institute"

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

15 **'Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial**
16 **Services To Establish a Working Group To Develop Options for the Long-**
17 **term Renovation and Use of the Stone Buildings, the Administrative Building**
18 **and the Center Building Formerly Occupied by the Augusta Mental Health**
19 **Institute'**

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

22 **'Sec. 1. Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services directed**
23 **to establish working group to develop plan for buildings formerly occupied**
24 **by Augusta Mental Health Institute. Resolved:** That the Commissioner of
25 Administrative and Financial Services shall establish a working group to develop options
26 for the long-term renovation and use of the Stone Buildings, the Administrative Building
27 and the Center Building formerly occupied by the Augusta Mental Health Institute. The
28 commissioner shall seek to include in the working group representatives from the
29 Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services; the
30 Capitol Planning Commission; the Maine Historic Preservation Commission; the City of
31 Augusta; the Maine Association of Realtors; and other individuals or organizations
32 determined appropriate by the commissioner; and be it further

33 **Sec. 2. Working group duties. Resolved:** That the working group established
34 in section 1 shall make recommendations regarding options for the long-term renovation
35 and use of the buildings formerly occupied by the Augusta Mental Health Institute along

1 with specific fiscal implications of those options. Options must include without
2 limitation the following:

- 3 1. Using bonds to fund the renovation of the buildings;
- 4 2. Using a combination of ground leases and building sales in a public-private
5 partnership for renovation; and
- 6 3. Using a combination of state agencies and private lease options for occupancy;
7 and be it further

8 **Sec. 3. Report. Resolved:** That the working group established in section 1 shall
9 report its findings and recommendations under section 2 to the joint standing committee
10 of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters no later
11 than February 15, 2007; and be it further

12 **Sec. 4. Authority to report out legislation. Resolved:** That the joint standing
13 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters
14 is authorized to report out legislation concerning the findings and recommendations under
15 section 2 to the First Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.'

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This amendment replaces the resolve. It directs the Commissioner of Administrative
18 and Financial Services to establish a working group to explore options for the renovation
19 and occupancy of the Stone Buildings, the Administrative Building and the Center
20 Building formerly occupied by the Augusta Mental Health Institute. The working group
21 shall explore the possibilities of using bonds and public-private partnerships for
22 renovation and options for occupancy including a combination of state agencies and
23 private leases. The working group shall report to the joint standing committee of the
24 Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters by February 15,
25 2007.

26 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

27 (See attached)



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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"
Committee: State and Local Government
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The additional costs associated with the working group can be absorbed by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services utilizing existing budgeted resources.