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3 **Health and Human Services**

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5 **STATE OF MAINE**
6 **SENATE**
7 **122ND LEGISLATURE**
8 **SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

9 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 760, L.D. 1973, "Resolve, To Improve
10 Quality and Access to Mental Health Care Through the Development of a Joint Strategic
11 Plan "

12 Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the
13 following:

14 **'Sec. 1. Strategic plan. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human
15 Services, referred to in this resolve as "the department," shall collaborate with the
16 Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center and the Riverview Psychiatric Center and seek input
17 from Acadia Hospital and Spring Harbor Hospital and community hospitals that have
18 psychiatric beds, consumers of mental health services and community mental health
19 service providers to develop a comprehensive strategic plan for the provision of hospital-
20 based mental health services. The plan must create a coordinated safety net of programs
21 and services that will serve Maine's citizens in the future.

- 22 1. The plan development must consist of the following 3 steps:
23 A. Step one, in which the 4 mental health hospitals shall work together with the
24 department to compile a first draft of the strategic plan;
25 B. Step 2, in which the community hospitals that have psychiatric beds shall work
26 together with the 4 mental health hospitals and the department to compile a 2nd draft
27 of the strategic plan. This plan must be presented to the joint standing committee of
28 the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters by January
29 15, 2007; and
30 C. Step 3, in which the department shall invite the participation of consumers of
31 mental health services and community mental health services providers. The
32 department shall consider the input of the consumers and providers provided in this
33 step.

34 All participants from steps one to 3 shall then work together to compile a final draft of the
35 strategic plan, which must then be presented to the joint standing committee of the
36 Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters by March 15,
37 2007.



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Resolve, To Improve Quality and Access to Mental Health Care Through the Development of a Joint Strategic Plan

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. Staff assistance provided by the Office of Fiscal and Program Review during the interim will be absorbed by the legislature utilizing existing budgeted resources. Any staff assistance required during the legislative session may necessitate contracting for outside help.