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3 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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5 STATE OF MAINE
6 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
7 123RD LEGISLATURE
8 FIRST REGULAR SESSION

9 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 547, L.D. 726, Bill, "An Act To
10 Provide Services for Adults with Diagnoses of Mental Retardation and Other
11 Developmental Disabilities"

12 Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the
13 summary and inserting the following:

14 'Sec. 1. 34-B MRSA §5438 is enacted to read:

15 §5438. Services for adults with diagnoses of mental retardation and other
16 developmental disabilities

17 To the extent possible using available resources, the department shall provide adults
18 with diagnoses of mental retardation and other developmental disabilities choices from
19 among an array of supports and services, including but not limited to: employment
20 supports, personal supports, day programs and residential services. The department shall
21 pursue appropriate resources for the supports and services needed by adults covered
22 under this chapter.

23 Sec. 2. 34-B MRSA §17001, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

24 7. Council report. The council, pursuant to its duties under subsection 4, shall
25 provide information from the comprehensive review and analysis of services, supports
26 and other assistance for persons with disabilities required by 42 United States Code,
27 Chapter 144, Section 15024 (c) (3) to the Legislature by January 31st of each year.

28 **Sec. 3. Coordination of information and data by the Interdepartmental**
29 **Committee on Transition.** The departments represented by the Interdepartmental
30 Committee on Transition, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section
31 12004-I, subsection 10-A, shall consider and evaluate methods to coordinate information
32 and data that would facilitate the identification and tracking of the needs of persons with
33 mental retardation, serious emotional disturbance, pervasive developmental disorder or
34 other developmental disabilities and report recommendations to the Interdepartmental
35 Committee on Transition, and the Interdepartmental Committee on Transition shall

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “**A**” to H.P. 547, L.D. 726

1 include the recommendations in its annual report pursuant to Title 20-A, section 7804,
2 subsection 6.’

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This amendment changes the bill by deleting the requirement that the Department of
5 Health and Human Services report on the unmet needs for supports and services for
6 people with mental retardation and developmental disabilities. It requires the
7 departments represented by the Interdepartmental Committee on Transition to make
8 recommendations on methods to coordinate information and data that would facilitate the
9 identification and tracking of the needs of persons with mental retardation, serious
10 emotional disturbance, pervasive developmental disorder or other developmental
11 disabilities to the Interdepartmental Committee on Transition. It requires the
12 Interdepartmental Committee on Transition to include these recommendations in its
13 annual report to the Legislature. It requires the Maine Developmental Disabilities
14 Council to provide information from the analysis required by Federal Government related
15 to the needs of people with disabilities in the State to the Legislature by January 31st of
16 each year.

17 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
18 **(See attached)**



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LD 726

LR 1255(02)

**An Act To Provide Services for Adults with Diagnoses of Mental Retardation and Other
Developmental Disabilities**

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

The additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services are expected to be minor and can be absorbed utilizing existing budgetary resources.