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House of Representatives, February 13, 2007

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

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative MILLER of Somerville.
Cosponsored by Senator MARRACHÉ of Kennebec and
Representatives: FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, GROSE of Woolwich, PERRY of Calais,
WALCOTT of Lewiston.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 34-B MRSA §5438** is enacted to read:

3 **§5438. Services for adults with diagnoses of mental retardation and other**
4 **developmental disabilities**

5 To the extent possible using available resources, the department shall provide adults
6 with diagnoses of mental retardation and other developmental disabilities choices from
7 among an array of supports and services, including but not limited to: employment
8 supports, personal supports, day programs and residential services. The department shall
9 pursue appropriate resources for the supports and services needed by adults with
10 diagnoses of mental retardation and other developmental disabilities. By January 15th of
11 each year the department shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature
12 having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and the joint standing
13 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters
14 on unmet needs for supports and services under this section, as identified through a
15 person-centered planning process, and the waiting list for each type of service and
16 support.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide mental
19 retardation and other developmental disabilities supports and services to the extent of
20 available funding. It requires reports by January 15th of each year to the joint standing
21 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs
22 and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and
23 human services matters on unmet needs for supports and services and the waiting list for
24 each type of service and support.