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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. 963, L.D. 1371, "Resolve, To Provide
10 Adequate Funding for Emergency Homeless Shelters"

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

12 **'Resolve, To Study the Impact of Social Services and Corrections Policies on**
13 **Homeless People in Maine'**

14 Amend the resolve in the emergency preamble by striking out all of the 2nd and 3rd
15 indented paragraphs (page 1, lines 3 to 7 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

16 **'Whereas,** this resolve directs the Statewide Homeless Council to coordinate a study
17 of the connection between the increasing numbers of homeless persons in the State, and
18 the existing policies and procedures employed by the Department of Health and Human
19 Services and the Department of Corrections that may affect homeless persons and to
20 report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services in time for
21 legislative action during the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature; and'

22 Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the emergency preamble and
23 before the emergency clause and inserting the following:

24 **'Sec. 1. Study. Resolved:** That the Statewide Homeless Council established in
25 the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, chapter 202, subchapter 5-A shall coordinate a
26 study of the connections between social services, corrections and homelessness and shall
27 submit the results of the study and any recommended legislation to the Joint Standing
28 Committee on Health and Human Services by January 15, 2008. The study must include
29 a review of best practices for homeless shelters and current practices used by social
30 services and corrections agencies and facilities, including discharge practices, the rights
31 and responsibilities of persons with mental illness and co-occurring disorders and best
32 practices for housing and supportive services. The Statewide Homeless Council shall
33 invite the participation of representatives of the Department of Health and Human
34 Services including the Office of Substance Abuse, the Department of Corrections, the

Ans.

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1 Maine State Housing Authority, representatives of hospitals in the State, statewide
2 organizations representing homeless persons, representatives of community mental health
3 provider agencies, homeless service providers and persons with mental illness, persons
4 with substance abuse issues and other interested parties. The joint standing committee is
5 authorized to submit legislation during the Second Regular Session of the 123rd
6 Legislature pertaining to the study.'

7 **SUMMARY**

8 This amendment replaces the resolve. It directs the Statewide Homeless Council to
9 coordinate a study of the connection between the increasing numbers of homeless persons
10 in the State and the existing policies and procedures employed by the Department of
11 Health and Human Services and the Department of Corrections that may affect homeless
12 persons. The study must include a review of best practices for homeless shelters and
13 current practices used by social services and corrections agencies and facilities, including
14 discharge practices, the rights and responsibilities of persons with mental illness and co-
15 occurring disorders and best practices for housing and supportive services. The
16 Statewide Homeless Council shall invite the participation of representatives of the
17 Department of Health and Human Services including the Office of Substance Abuse, the
18 Department of Corrections, the Maine State Housing Authority, representatives of
19 hospitals in the State, statewide organizations representing homeless persons,
20 representatives of community mental health provider agencies, homeless service
21 providers and persons with mental illness, persons with substance abuse issues and other
22 interested parties. The Statewide Homeless Council is required to report to the Joint
23 Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January 15, 2008.

24 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
25 (See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



Approved: 04/30/07 *mac*

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LD 1371

LR 1821(02)

Resolve, To Provide Adequate Funding for Emergency Homeless Shelters

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

Additional costs to the Maine State Housing Authority and the Department of Corrections associated with participating in the required study can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.