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## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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## STATE OF MAINE

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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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## 123RD LEGISLATURE

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## FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1300, L.D. 1868, Bill, "An Act To Change the Evaluation Criteria for Those with Developmental Disabilities"

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Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

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**'Resolve, To Review Statutes, Rules and Policies Regarding Mental Retardation, Pervasive Developmental Disorders and Other Cognitive and Developmental Disorders'**

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Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

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**'Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

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**Whereas,** the Legislature has determined that the Department of Health and Human Services needs to reevaluate the criteria for eligibility for services and levels of care of services and its statutory authority, rules and policies; and

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**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

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**Sec. 1. Review and report. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services shall convene a working group of stakeholders and other interested parties to undertake a review of current statutes, rules and policies regarding services, definitions, limitations, eligibility and levels of care for adults with mental retardation, pervasive developmental disorders and other cognitive and developmental disorders. The purpose of the review is for the department to evaluate the need for changes in statute, rule or policy to ensure fairness and equity in the provision of services and to evaluate the need for additional resources to meet unidentified need. By January 1, 2008, the department shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

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1 on its progress in the review and any recommended changes in law. The Joint Standing  
2 Committee on Health and Human Services is authorized to submit legislation related to  
3 the recommendations of the working group to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd  
4 Legislature.

5 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this  
6 legislation takes effect when approved.'

7 **SUMMARY**

8 This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment changes the bill to a resolve. It  
9 directs the Department of Health and Human Services to convene a working group of  
10 stakeholders and other interested parties to undertake a review of current statutes, rules  
11 and policies regarding services, definitions, limitations, eligibility and levels of care for  
12 adults with mental retardation, pervasive developmental disorders and other cognitive and  
13 developmental disorders and to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and  
14 Human Services. It authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human  
15 Services to submit legislation related to the recommendations of the working group to the  
16 Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
**(See Attached)**



Approved: 05/24/07 *mac*

# 123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1868

LR 2076(02)

**An Act To Change the Evaluation Criteria for Those with Developmental Disabilities**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

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