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## 124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2009

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H.P. 468

House of Representatives, February 19, 2009

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

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

Millicent M. Macfarland MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND Clerk

Presented by Representative WEBSTER of Freeport.

Cosponsored by Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland and

Representatives: CAMPBELL of Newfield, EVES of North Berwick, JONES of Mount Vernon, PERRY of Calais, STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland, STUCKEY of Portland,

Senators: MARRACHÉ of Kennebec, MILLS of Somerset.

Sec. 1. Review and report. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall complete its work conducted pursuant to Resolves 2007, chapter 78 3 regarding the review of laws, rules and policies regarding services, definitions, 4 limitations, eligibility and levels of care for adults with mental retardation, pervasive developmental disorders and other cognitive and developmental disorders. The 6 department shall complete its evaluation of the need for changes in law, rule or policy to 7 ensure fairness and equity in the provision of services and evaluate the need for additional 8 resources to meet previously unidentified needs. By January 15, 2010, the department 9 shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services on its 10 progress in the review and any recommended changes in law. The Joint Standing 11 Committee on Health and Human Services is authorized to submit legislation related to 12 recommendations of the working group to the Second Regular Session of the 124th 13 Legislature.

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## SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to complete its work conducted pursuant to Resolves 2007, chapter 78 regarding the review of laws, 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 and to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. It authorizes the committee to submit legislation related to the recommendations of the working group to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature.