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Minority

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
124TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 943, L.D. 1342, "Resolve, To Direct the Commissioner of Health and Human Services To Establish a Blue Ribbon Task Force To Examine the Attorney General's Report Regarding Police Shootings as It Relates to Deaths of Persons with Mental Illness"

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

'Resolve, To Establish the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Law Enforcement, the Courts, the Correctional System and Persons with Mental Illness'

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

'Sec. 1. Blue Ribbon Task Force on Law Enforcement, the Courts, the Correctional System and Persons with Mental Illness. Resolved: That the Department of Corrections, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Public Safety and the Judicial Department shall work together to convene the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Law Enforcement, the Courts, the Correctional System and Persons with Mental Illness.

1. The blue ribbon task force consists of representatives of all of the convening agencies and representatives of the Office of the Attorney General, persons with mental illness and providers of services to persons with mental illness and members of the general public.

2. The blue ribbon task force shall review information from this State and other states with demographics similar to this State regarding the issues listed in this subsection. The information must include the costs, outcomes and effectiveness regarding the following issues:

A. Services to persons with mental illness, including but not limited to crisis services and community-based and facility-based mental health and substance abuse services, and the costs and delivery systems for those services;

B. Training for providers of mental health services regarding and procedures for coordination with law enforcement, the courts and the correctional system;

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- 1 C. Training for law enforcement, the courts and correctional personnel regarding
2 mental illness, working with persons with mental illness, working with persons with
3 mental illness who also require substance abuse services, working with providers of
4 services to persons with mental illness including providers of crisis services and
5 substance abuse services and coordination with providers of services to persons with
6 mental illness;
- 7 D. Any available information from the Mental Health Homicide, Suicide and
8 Aggravated Assault Review Board established pursuant to the Maine Revised
9 Statutes, Title 34-B, section 1931; and
- 10 E. Best practices for interactions between persons with mental illness, law
11 enforcement, the courts, the corrections system and providers of services to persons
12 with mental illness.
- 13 3. The Department of Health and Human Services shall coordinate with the
14 Department of Corrections, the Department of Public Safety and the Judicial Department
15 to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety
16 and the Joint Standing Committee on Health And Human Services by January 15, 2010.
17 The report must include the findings and recommendations of the blue ribbon task force
18 regarding each of the areas of concern listed in subsection 2 and recommendations for the
19 blue ribbon task force regarding those findings.'

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SUMMARY

21 This amendment is the minority report and it replaces the resolve and renames it.
22 The amendment directs the Department of Corrections, the Department of Health and
23 Human Services, the Department of Public Safety and the Judicial Department to work
24 together to convene the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Law Enforcement, the Courts, the
25 Correctional System and Persons with Mental Illness. The blue ribbon task force must
26 review information from this State and other states regarding the costs, outcomes and
27 effectiveness of the following issues: services to persons with mental illness, including
28 but not limited to crisis services and community-based and facility-based mental health
29 and substance abuse services, and the costs and delivery systems for those services;
30 training for providers of mental health services regarding and procedures for coordination
31 with law enforcement, the courts and the correctional system; training for law
32 enforcement, the courts and correctional personnel regarding mental illness, working with
33 persons with mental illness, working with persons with mental illness who also require
34 substance abuse services, working with providers of services to persons with mental
35 illness including providers of crisis services and substance abuse services and
36 coordination with providers of services to persons with mental illness; any available
37 information from the Mental Health Homicide, Suicide and Aggravated Assault Review
38 Board established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-B, section 1931; and
39 best practices for interactions between persons with mental illness, law enforcement, the
40 courts, the corrections system and providers of services to persons with mental illness.

41 The amendment also requires a report from the agencies on the work of the blue
42 ribbon task force by January 15, 2010 to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and
43 Human Services and the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



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LD 1342

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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"
Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department the Attorney General, the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Public Safety can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.