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L.D. 829
(Filing No. H-269)

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
126TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 580, L.D. 829, "Resolve, To Complete the Timely and Appropriate Redesign of Shared Living Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism"

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

'Resolve, To Continue the Redesign of Shared Living Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism'

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Redesign. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall continue the redesign of its shared living program that began July 1, 2010 with the stakeholder group that was established by the Commissioner of Health and Human Services. The redesign work must include the following:

1. Analysis of the efficacy and appropriateness of host families becoming providers of record under rules of the MaineCare program and clarification of host families being defined as employees or independent contractors;
2. Review of planned allocation of responsibilities that took effect October 1, 2010 and proper implementation of assigned tasks and responsibilities among host home providers, oversight agencies and case managers for the department;
3. Development of acuity-based reimbursement systems for host home providers and oversight agencies that are within the limits of existing resources and that reflect the intensity of supports required by individuals and host home providers based on an objective needs assessment process;
4. Amendment of the rules regarding the MaineCare program home and community waiver to include a clear definition of shared living services and assigned tasks and responsibilities; and
5. A report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services on progress with the shared living program redesign by January 15, 2014.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

This amendment requires the Department of Health and Human Services to continue to work on the redesign of its shared living program and removes from the bill the due date for completion. The amendment requires the department to submit a progress report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January 15, 2014.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See Attached)



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LD 829

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Resolve, To Complete the Timely and Appropriate Redesign of Shared Living Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-269)
Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services are expected to be minor and can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted resources.