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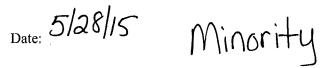
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L.D. 657 (Filing No. H-**222**)

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STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 127TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

9 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 438, L.D. 657, Bill, "An Act To 10 Provide Enhanced Mental Health Services to the County Prison Population"

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

12 'Resolve, To Provide the Legislature with Information on the Need for Mental
13 Health Services in County Jails'

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

'Sec. 1. Working group. Resolved: That the Consumer Council System of 15 16 Maine, as established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 17 60-B, shall convene a working group to collect data to determine the unmet needs for 18 mental health services in the county jails. Between September 1, 2015 and January 15, 19 2016, the Consumer Council System of Maine shall convene a series of meetings of the 20 working group to determine the need for mental health services, the components and 21 costs of current mental health service delivery and the estimated extent and costs of the 22 unmet needs. The working group shall review the mental health services needs of short-23 term and long-term inmates in the county jails, including, but not limited to, needs 24 associated with acute, chronic and severe and persistent mental illnesses and needs that 25 are associated with post-traumatic stress disorder, alcohol and drug addiction, domestic 26 violence and sexual assault. The Consumer Council System of Maine shall invite each of 27 the following organizations to send a representative to participate in the working group 28 meetings: the Maine District Attorneys Association, the National Alliance on Mental 29 Illness-Maine, the Maine Sheriffs' Association, the Maine Coalition Against Sexual 30 Assault, the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence, the Maine County 31 Commissioners Association, the office of substance abuse and mental health services in 32 the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Corrections, the Maine 33 Association of Substance Abuse Programs, the Behavioral Health Community 34 Collaborative and the Maine Association of Mental Health Services. The Consumer 35 Council System of Maine shall provide notice of the meetings of the working group to the 36 members of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety; and be 37 it further

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Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, by February 1, 2016, the Consumer Council of Maine shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety on the need for mental health services in the county jails, the components and costs of current mental health service delivery and the estimated extent and costs of the unmet needs. The report may contain recommendations and suggest possible sources of funding. After reviewing the report the joint standing committee is authorized to submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.'

SUMMARY

9 This amendment is the minority report of the committee. This amendment to the bill, 10 which was a concept draft, directs the Consumer Council System of Maine to convene a 11 broadly representative working group to collect data to determine the unmet needs for 12 mental health services in the county jails. The amendment directs the Consumer Council 13 System of Maine to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and 14 Public Safety on the need for mental health services in the county jails, the components 15 and costs of current mental health service delivery and the estimated extent and costs of 16 the unmet needs by February 1, 2016. The amendment authorizes the Consumer Council System of Maine to include in its report recommendations and possible sources of 17 18 funding. The amendment authorizes the joint standing committee to submit legislation to 19 the Second Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED (See attached)

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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment '#'(#-222) Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The additional costs to the Department of Corrections and the Department of Health and Human Services to study and report on the need for mental health services in county jails are expected to be minor and can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted resources.