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House of Representatives, April 21, 2015

Resolve, To Create a Working Group To Ensure a Stable Continuum of Care for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities and Autism

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

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Presented by Representative SHERMAN of Hodgdon. Cosponsored by Representatives: HANLEY of Pittston, LONG of Sherman.

1 Sec. 1. Continuum of care for individuals with intellectual disabilities and 2 autism; working group established. Resolved: That the Department of Health and 3 Human Services shall convene a working group to examine the continuum of care available for individuals with intellectual disabilities and autism and the need for and 4 5 availability of 24-hour nursing care in intermediate care facilities for individuals with 6 intellectual disabilities. The working group must include key state employees, including representatives of the offices of MaineCare Services and aging and disability services 7 8 within the Department of Health and Human Services. It must also include private sector 9 stakeholders, including affected individuals and families, advocates, providers, a representative of a statewide association of providers of services for individuals with 10 intellectual disabilities and a representative of a statewide association of long-term care 11 12 facilities. The Department of Health and Human Services shall report the findings and recommendations of the working group by January 15, 2016 to the Joint Standing 13 14 Committee on Health and Human Services

## SUMMARY

This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to convene a working group to examine the continuum of care available for individuals with intellectual disabilities and autism and the need for and availability of 24-hour nursing care in intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities. It also requires the Department of Health and Human Services to report the findings and recommendations of the working group by January 15, 2016 to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services.

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