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An Act To Promote Intergovernmental Coordination Regarding Age-friendly State Initiatives

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Presented by Representative FAY of Raymond. Cosponsored by Senator BAILEY of York and Representatives: SHEEHAN of Biddeford, STOVER of Boothbay, TUELL of East Machias, WHITE of Waterville, Senators: MAXMIN of Lincoln, MOORE of Washington.

1	Be it enacte	ed by the People of the State of Maine as follows:	
2	Sec. 1.	5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§2-H is enacted to read:	
3	<u>2-H.</u>		
4 5	<u>Aging</u>	Age-friendly State Steering Committee Not Authorized	<u>22 MRSA</u> §5107-K
6	Sec. 2.	22 MRSA §5107-K is enacted to read:	
7	<u>§5107-K.</u> A	Age-friendly State Steering Committee	
8 9 10 11 12 13	established i steering con opportunitie employment	ring committee established. The Age-friendly State Steering Cor in Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 2-H and referred to in this sect mmittee," is established to promote intergovernmental coordination es for and access to social engagement, communication and in t, financial security, health care and health coverage, housing, recr on for older residents of the State.	tion as "the to improve formation,
14	2. Mem	nbership. The steering committee consists of the following 11 men	nbers:
15	A. The	commissioner or the commissioner's designee;	
16 17	<u>B. The designed</u>	Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry or the comme:	missioner's
18	C. The	Commissioner of Transportation or the commissioner's designee;	
19	D. The	Commissioner of Labor or the commissioner's designee;	
20 21		he Commissioner of Economic and Community Developme ssioner's designee;	<u>nt or the</u>
22	F. The	Commissioner of Public Safety or the commissioner's designee;	
23	G. The	Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee;	
24	H. A re	epresentative of the Governor;	
25	I. The d	director of the Maine State Housing Authority or the director's desig	,nee;
26 27		epresentative of the office for family independence within the office by the commissioner; and	<u>department</u>
28 29		presentative of the office of aging and disability services within the order by the commissioner.	<u>department</u>
30	3. Duti	ies. The steering committee shall:	
31 32 33		mote coordinated intergovernmental collaboration in meeting the States related to older adults and aging in the State, including objective	
34 35		Promote respect, equity and social engagement so people of al vely participate in their community;	<u>l ages can</u>
36	(2)	Ensure access to information, community services, activities and provide the service of the serv	rograms;
37 38	(3) prot	Expand workforce opportunities, retirement education and tection;	financial

1 2	(4) Ensure affordable access to high-quality health coverage and health care and healthy aging and supportive services to maintain independence;
3	(5) Ensure the availability of housing opportunities and home modification
4	programs;
5	(6) Promote natural resources management, outdoor spaces and recreation; and
6	(7) Increase the availability of safe and affordable transportation options and
7	alternatives to reduce social isolation, support independent living and allow adults
8	to age in their communities; and
9 10 11	<u>B.</u> Review and provide advice to the Governor, the Legislature and other officials of State Government on state efforts across state agencies directly related to older adults and aging in the State.
12	4. Steering committee invitees. The steering committee may invite members of a
12	stakeholder advisory group that participated in the preparation of an age-friendly state plan
14	to participate in steering committee meetings.
15	5. Staff support. The office of aging and disability services within the department
16 17	shall provide primary staff support to the steering committee. State agencies shall provide
17	additional staff support, which may include persons working as interns, as requested by the
	steering committee.
19	6. Funding. The steering committee may accept funding received as contributions,
20	grants or appropriations from private and public sources to accomplish the duties of the
21	steering committee.
22	7. Report. By November 1, 2023 and every 2 years thereafter, the steering committee
23	shall submit a report on the steering committee's activities to the joint standing committee
24	of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters.
25	SUMMARY
26	This bill establishes the Age-friendly State Steering Committee to promote
27	intergovernmental coordination to improve opportunities for and access to social
28	engagement, communication and information, employment, financial security, health care
29	and health coverage, housing, recreation and transportation for older residents of the State.