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H.P. 502

House of Representatives, February 21, 2023

Resolve, to Study Methods to Increase Access to Medication-assisted Treatment for Substance Use Disorder

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative EATON of Deer Isle.
Cosponsored by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock and
Representatives: CRAFTS of Newcastle, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, MATHIESON of
Kittery, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill.

Sec. 1. Working group; access to medication-assisted treatment. Resolved: That the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future shall convene a working group to study the feasibility of and barriers to establishing a mobile methodone clinic in the State and other methods to increase local access to medication-assisted treatment for substance use disorder. At a minimum, the office shall invite to be members of the working group the director of opioid response within the office, the Commissioner of Health and Human Services, the Commissioner of Corrections, a member of the Maine Board of Pharmacy, representatives of organizations offering medication-assisted treatment, a representative of hospitals in the State and individuals who represent organizations that are actively involved with issues relating to substance use disorder in the State including at least one individual from each of the following regions: Washington and Hancock Counties; Kennebec, Somerset and Penobscot Counties; York and Cumberland Counties; Aroostook and Piscataquis Counties; Knox, Waldo, Sagadahoc and Lincoln Counties; and Oxford, Franklin and Androscoggin Counties. By December 6, 2023, the office shall submit a report related to the study, including recommendations and any suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. The committee may report out a bill relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

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This resolve directs the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future to convene a working group to study the feasibility of and barriers to establishing a mobile methadone clinic in the State and other methods to increase local access to medication-assisted treatment for substance use disorder. It requires the office to submit a report related to the study, including recommendations and any suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by December 6, 2023 and authorizes the committee to report out a bill relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.