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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
131ST LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 743, L.D. 1827, "An Act to Prevent Closures and Ensure Sustainability of Nursing Facilities, Private Nonmedical Institutions and Residential Care Facilities by Removing So-called Budget Neutrality"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 3 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved: That the executive director of the long-term care ombudsman program, as established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 5106, subsection 11-C, or the executive director's designee, shall serve as the chair of the commission. The chair shall appoint a cochair of the commission. The cochair may not be a Legislator.'

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 6 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved: That the long-term care ombudsman program established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 5106, subsection 11-C shall provide necessary staffing services to the commission.

Sec. 7. Outside funding. Resolved: That the commission shall seek additional funding contributions that exceed the amount authorized to be spent from the Legislature's General Fund Miscellaneous Studies account for this purpose. All funding is subject to approval by the Legislative Council in accordance with its policies. If sufficient contributions to fund the study have not been received within 30 days after the effective date of this resolve, meetings are not authorized and expenses of any kind may not be incurred or reimbursed.'

Amend the amendment by inserting after section 7 the following:

'Sec. 8. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

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Study Commissions - Funding 0444

Initiative: Provides one-time allocations for the costs of staffing incurred by the long-term care ombudsman program in the event that sufficient outside funds are received for the

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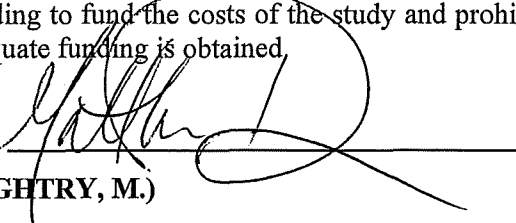
Blue Ribbon Commission to Make Recommendations on the Continuum of Long-term Care Options to go forward.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,150	\$3,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,150	\$3,000

Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment requires the executive director of the long-term care ombudsman program to chair the Blue Ribbon Commission to Make Recommendations on the Continuum of Long-term Care Options and to select a cochair from among the other members of the commission. That cochair may not be a Legislator. The amendment requires the long-term care ombudsman program to provide staffing services to the commission. The amendment provides allocations for a portion of the costs related to staffing for payment to the ombudsman program. The amendment requires the commission to seek outside funding to fund the costs of the study and prohibits the commission from meeting unless adequate funding is obtained.

SPONSORED BY: 
(Senator DAUGHTRY, M.)
COUNTY: Cumberland

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

SENATE AMENDMENT



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LD 1827

LR 945(04)

Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission to Make Recommendations on the Continuum of Long-term Care Options

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-786)

Sponsor: Sen. Daughtry of Cumberland

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Legislative Cost/Study

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$2,150	\$3,000	\$0	\$0

Legislative Cost/Study

The general operating expenses of this study are now projected to be \$1,875 in fiscal year 2023-24 and \$2,125 in fiscal year 2024-25. This includes \$1,175 in each fiscal year for the costs of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman program to provide staffing for the study in the event that sufficient outside funds are received for the study to go forward. The Legislature's budget for the 2024-2025 biennium includes \$14,500 in each of fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25 for the costs of legislative studies, as well as \$38,909 of balances carried over from prior years for this purpose. Whether these amounts are sufficient to fund all studies will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Provides one-time Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of \$2,150 in fiscal year 2023-24 and \$3,000 in fiscal year 2024-25 to the Legislature for the costs of staffing incurred by the Long-Term Care Ombudsman program in the event that sufficient outside funds are received for the Blue Ribbon Commission to Make Recommendations on the Continuum of Long-term Care Options to go forward.