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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

131ST LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 876, L.D. 2083, "Resolve, to Establish the Stakeholder Group to Ensure Timely Access to Medication Management Across the State"

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

**'Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Establish a Stakeholder Group to Study Timely Access to Psychiatric Medication Management Services Across the State'**

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

**'Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to establish stakeholder group to study timely access to psychiatric medication management services across the State. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services shall convene a stakeholder group to study access to psychiatric medication management services across the State. The study must examine:

1. The availability of psychiatric medication management services across the State, including a review of geographic and other disparities in accessing psychiatric medication management services;

2. The availability of psychiatric nurse practitioners to provide psychiatric medication management services; and

3. Challenges to sustaining and expanding the psychiatric nurse practitioner workforce, including an examination of educational opportunities, financial support for the education of nurse practitioners and the availability of nurse educators to train nurse practitioners.

The department shall include in the stakeholder group psychiatric nurse practitioners who currently deliver psychiatric medication management services, physicians who currently deliver psychiatric medication management services, consumers and family members of consumers of medication management services, advocates for mental health services, experts in increasing the mental health workforce, representatives of the

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1 Department of Labor, representatives of the Finance Authority of Maine, representatives  
2 of educational institutions that train psychiatric nurse practitioners and representatives of  
3 professional associations for psychiatric nurse practitioners.

4 **Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services shall  
5 report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and  
6 human services matters no later than February 1, 2025 on the study under section 1. The  
7 joint standing committee may report out legislation related to the report to the 132nd  
8 Legislature in 2025.'

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

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This amendment replaces the resolve. It directs the Department of Health and Human  
13 Services to convene a stakeholder group to study access to psychiatric medication  
14 management services in the State. The study must examine the availability of psychiatric  
15 medication management services across the State, including a review of geographic and  
16 other disparities in access, the availability of psychiatric nurse practitioners to provide  
17 medication management and challenges to sustaining and expanding the psychiatric nurse  
18 practitioner workforce, including an examination of educational opportunities, financial  
19 support for the education of nurse practitioners and the availability of nurse educators to  
20 train nurse practitioners. It directs the department to report to the joint standing committee  
21 of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters no later than  
22 February 1, 2025 on the study. The joint standing committee may report out legislation  
23 related to the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

24 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
25 (See attached)

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 2083

LR 2860(02)

**Resolve, to Establish the Stakeholder Group to Ensure Timely Access to Medication Management Across the State**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"(S-550)**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services to convene a stakeholder group and report back to the legislature are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.