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

‘Sec. 1 Community integration Medicaid waiver. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall:

1. Complete a comprehensive plan to address the needs of persons with disabilities due to brain injuries by January 1, 2008 that addresses:

- A. Current and future gaps in services;
- B. Advances in medical, rehabilitative knowledge and technologies; and
- C. Models of effective, evidence-based practices and efficient approaches that respond to the wide range of needs of persons with brain injuries and their families.

The planning process shall provide information to and seek input from a broadly representative group of interested parties, including MaineCare members with brain injuries, families and friends of MaineCare members with brain injuries, advocates for people with brain injuries and providers of services to persons with brain injuries. The department shall also include all other agencies that provide services to people with brain injuries. The planning process shall include a thorough evaluation of waiver or any other Medicaid programs from the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services that will promote community integration for individuals with brain injuries, as well as a thorough evaluation of services available to people with brain injuries under MaineCare.

2. Provide reports to the Legislature by January 15, 2008, January 15, 2009 and April 15, 2009 regarding its progress implementing the elements of the plan; and be it further

Sec. 2 Authorization. Resolved: That the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services is authorized to submit legislation regarding services to persons with brain injuries to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.’

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the resolve. It directs the Department of Health and Human Services to complete a comprehensive plan to address the needs of persons with disabilities due to brain injuries by January 1, 2008. It provides a process for the development of the plan and the participation of interested persons. It requires reports to the Legislature by January 15, 2008, January 15, 2009 and April 15, 2009 regarding its progress implementing the elements of the plan. The amendment authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services to submit legislation regarding services to persons with brain injuries to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.