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Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

‘**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §23001, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 570, Pt. A, §1, is amended to read:

2. Plan. Develop by January 1, 2007 and update annually thereafter a plan to increase the opportunities for individuals with disabilities to be employed by that department, agency or instrumentality of the State. This plan must include a description of the extent to which the special needs of employees who are individuals with disabilities are being met. Beginning with the plans updated in 2009, each department, agency and instrumentality of the State shall submit the plans to the Director of the Bureau of Human Resources within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services;

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §23001, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Report to committees. Submit a biennial report beginning March 1, 2009, compiled by the Director of the Bureau of Human Resources within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, on the plans developed pursuant to subsection 2 to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters and over labor matters and to the Governor's office. The report must include any changes made to the plans, an assessment made by the director of the effectiveness of the plans and any recommendations for legislative action pertaining to the report. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters may submit legislation pertaining to the report to the first regular session of each Legislature;’

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment requires all departments, agencies and instrumentalities of the State to submit their plans to increase the opportunities for individuals with disabilities to be hired in each unit to the Director of the Bureau of Human Resources within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services. The director shall submit a report on the plans to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters and labor matters by March 1, 2009 and biennially after that. The report must include any changes to the plans, an assessment made by the director of the effectiveness of the plans and any proposed legislation. The report must also be submitted to the Governor's office.