**An Act To Implement the Crisis Response Services Recommendations Identified Pursuant to Resolve 2021, Chapter 29**

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec.** **1. 35-A MRSA §120, sub-§6-A,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 236, §2, is amended to read:

**6-A.** **Microgrids.**  Beginning February 1, 2025, any activities undertaken by the commission related to new microgrids as defined in section 3351, subsection 1, paragraph B, including whether any new microgrids have been approved; ~~and~~

**Sec.** **2. 35-A MRSA §120, sub-§6-B** is enacted to read:

**6-B.** **Crisis response services.**  Any developments in the delivery of crisis response services established in connection with E-9-1-1 or other emergency response services. As used in this subsection, "crisis response services" means services offered to individuals experiencing mental health emergencies, emergencies relating to substance use disorder or other emergencies for which fire, emergency medical or police services are determined not to be required; and

**Sec.** **3.** **Public Utilities Commission; proposed legislation.** The Public Utilities Commission, Emergency Services Communication Bureau, in consultation with the Department of Public Safety, shall develop proposed legislation to implement the protocol and procedure recommendations for the delivery of crisis response services under the State's E-9-1-1 system as identified in the Emergency Services Communication Bureau report issued pursuant to Resolve 2021, chapter 29. The bureau shall provide the proposed legislation to persons and entities affected by the proposal and allow at least 30 days for the submission of comments. On or before November 2, 2022, the commission shall submit the proposed legislation together with all comments received by the bureau to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters. The committee may report out related legislation to the 131st Legislature in 2023.

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Public Utilities Commission to include developments in the delivery of crisis response services in the commission’s annual report to the Legislature. The bill defines "crisis response services" as services offered to individuals experiencing mental health emergencies, emergencies relating to substance use disorder or other emergencies for which fire, emergency medical or police services are determined not to be required.

The bill directs the Public Utilities Commission, Emergency Services Communication Bureau, in consultation with the Department of Public Safety, to develop proposed legislation to implement the bureau's protocol and procedure recommendations for the delivery of crisis response services. The bureau must allow affected persons and entities to provide comments on the proposal. The proposed legislation and comments must be submitted to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters, and the committee may report out legislation in connection with the proposal to the 131st Legislature in 2023.