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131ST LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” 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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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)