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**STATE OF MAINE**  
**SENATE**  
**131ST LEGISLATURE**  
**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

SENATE AMENDMENT “ ” to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to S.P. 743, L.D. 1827, “An Act to Prevent Closures and Ensure Sustainability of Nursing Facilities, Private Nonmedical Institutions and Residential Care Facilities by Removing So-called Budget Neutrality”

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 3 and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the executive director of the long-term care ombudsman program, as established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 5106, subsection 11-C, or the executive director's designee, shall serve as the chair of the commission. The chair shall appoint a cochair of the commission. The cochair may not be a Legislator.'

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 6 and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the long-term care ombudsman program established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 5106, subsection 11-C shall provide necessary staffing services to the commission.

**Sec. 7. Outside funding. Resolved:** That the commission shall seek additional funding contributions that exceed the amount authorized to be spent from the Legislature's General Fund Miscellaneous Studies account for this purpose. All funding is subject to approval by the Legislative Council in accordance with its policies. If sufficient contributions to fund the study have not been received within 30 days after the effective date of this resolve, meetings are not authorized and expenses of any kind may not be incurred or reimbursed.'

Amend the amendment by inserting after section 7 the following:

**'Sec. 8. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**LEGISLATURE**

**Study Commissions - Funding 0444**

Initiative: Provides one-time allocations for the costs of staffing incurred by the long-term care ombudsman program in the event that sufficient outside funds are received for the

**SENATE AMENDMENT**

1 Blue Ribbon Commission to Make Recommendations on the Continuum of Long-term  
2 Care Options to go forward.

3	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
4	All Other	\$2,150	\$3,000
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6	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$2,150</u>	<u>\$3,000</u>

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

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### SUMMARY

11 This amendment requires the executive director of the long-term care ombudsman  
12 program to chair the Blue Ribbon Commission to Make Recommendations on the  
13 Continuum of Long-term Care Options and to select a cochair from among the other  
14 members of the commission. That cochair may not be a Legislator. The amendment  
15 requires the long-term care ombudsman program to provide staffing services to the  
16 commission. The amendment provides allocations for a portion of the costs related to  
17 staffing for payment to the ombudsman program. The amendment requires the commission  
18 to seek outside funding to fund the costs of the study and prohibits the commission from  
19 meeting unless adequate funding is obtained.

20 **SPONSORED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

21 (Senator DAUGHTRY, M.)

22 COUNTY: Cumberland