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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
130TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1479, L.D. 1993, “An Act To Establish a Progressive Treatment Program Monitor”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Establish a Progressive Treatment Program Liaison'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 34-B MRSA §3873-A, sub-§11 is enacted to read:

11. Progressive treatment program liaison. The commissioner shall designate a progressive treatment program liaison within the department. The duties of the liaison include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. Developing and delivering standardized training to progressive treatment program stakeholders, including but not limited to hospitals, ACT teams and members of law enforcement;
- B. Providing information regarding the progressive treatment program and the process for initiating a progressive treatment program to progressive treatment program stakeholders as described in paragraph A and members of the public; and
- C. Making recommendations to the Legislature regarding needed changes to the progressive treatment program process and providing an annual report, beginning February 1, 2025, regarding progressive treatment programs to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters.

Sec. 2. Reporting. By February 1, 2023, the Department of Health and Human Services shall submit a written update regarding the designation and activities of the progressive treatment program liaison pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-B, section 3873-A, subsection 11 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters. By February 1, 2024, the department

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

shall submit a written report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters that includes:

1. An update on the liaison's activities and any related findings of the department;
2. Recommendations for additional legislation regarding the liaison, including additional recommended duties of the liaison;
3. Recommendations as to what, if any, data should be reported to the department regarding the progressive treatment program, who should report such data and what confidentiality protections should apply to such data; and
4. Recommendations regarding the need for legislation to ensure that an existing progressive treatment program can be expeditiously renewed or amended following an involuntary hospitalization pursuant to Title 34-B, chapter 3, subchapter 4, article 3.

The report must be submitted to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters. The committee may report out legislation relating to the report to the 131st Legislature in 2024.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Z199**

Initiative: Provides funding to establish one Public Service Executive III position to be the progressive treatment program liaison.

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$168,762
All Other	\$0	\$9,937
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$178,699

Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Z199

Initiative: Provides funding for one-time technology and training costs.

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$93,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$93,500

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT OF
DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	2021-22	2022-23
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$272,199
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$272,199

1 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
2 number to read consecutively.

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This amendment replaces the bill. It establishes a progressive treatment program
5 liaison within the Department of Health and Human Services. The liaison's duties include
6 developing and delivering standardized training to progressive treatment program
7 stakeholders, providing information regarding the progressive treatment program and the
8 process for initiating a progressive treatment program to progressive treatment program
9 stakeholders and members of the public and making recommendations to the Legislature
10 regarding needed changes to the progressive treatment program process and providing an
11 annual report regarding progressive treatment programs to the joint standing committee of
12 the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters.

13 The amendment also requires that, by February 1, 2023, the department submit a
14 written update to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
15 health and human services matters. The update must include information on the
16 designation and activities of the liaison. The amendment also requires that, by February 1,
17 2024, the department submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature
18 having jurisdiction over health and human services matters. The report must include a
19 review of the liaison's activities, findings and recommendations for additional legislation,
20 including additional recommended duties of the liaison. The report must include
21 recommendations regarding data reporting and recommendations regarding the need for
22 legislation to ensure that an existing progressive treatment program can be expeditiously
23 renewed or amended following an involuntary hospitalization. The committee is
24 authorized to report out legislation relating to the report to the 131st Legislature in 2024.
25 The department is required to submit an annual report by February 1st of each year
26 thereafter. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

27 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

28 **(See attached)**