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

‘**Sec. 1. 34-B MRSA §5438** is enacted to read:

§ 5438. Services for adults with diagnoses of mental retardation and other developmental disabilities

To the extent possible using available resources, the department shall provide adults with diagnoses of mental retardation and other developmental disabilities choices from among an array of supports and services, including but not limited to: employment supports, personal supports, day programs and residential services. The department shall pursue appropriate resources for the supports and services needed by adults covered under this chapter.

Sec. 2. 34-B MRSA §17001, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. Council report. The council, pursuant to its duties under subsection 4, shall provide information from the comprehensive review and analysis of services, supports and other assistance for persons with disabilities required by 42 United States Code, Chapter 144, Section 15024 (c) (3) to the Legislature by January 31st of each year.

Sec. 3. Coordination of information and data by the Interdepartmental Committee on Transition. The departments represented by the Interdepartmental Committee on Transition, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 10-A, shall consider and evaluate methods to coordinate information and data that would facilitate the identification and tracking of the needs of persons with mental retardation, serious emotional disturbance, pervasive developmental disorder or other developmental disabilities and report recommendations to the Interdepartmental Committee on Transition, and the Interdepartmental Committee on Transition shall include the recommendations in its annual report pursuant to Title 20-A, section 7804, subsection 6.’

SUMMARY

This amendment changes the bill by deleting the requirement that the Department of Health and Human Services report on the unmet needs for supports and services for people with mental retardation and developmental disabilities. It requires the departments represented by the Interdepartmental Committee on Transition to make recommendations on methods to coordinate information and data that would facilitate the identification and tracking of the needs of persons with mental retardation, serious emotional disturbance, pervasive developmental disorder or other developmental disabilities to the Interdepartmental Committee on Transition. It requires the Interdepartmental Committee on Transition to include these recommendations in its annual report to the Legislature. It requires the Maine Developmental Disabilities Council to provide information from the analysis required by Federal Government related to the needs of people with disabilities in the State to the Legislature by January 31st of each year.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)