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Amend the bill in Part A by striking out all of section 4 (page 1, lines 25 to 30 in L.D.)

Amend the bill by striking out all of Part B and inserting the following:

PART B

Sec. B-1. Develop recommendations for changes in statutory language. The Department of Health and Human Services, referred to in this Part as "the department," shall review the Maine Revised Statutes to identify those sections that use the term "mental retardation" or "mentally retarded" and develop recommendations for removal of the terms or substitutions of language that reflect the recommendations of the respectful language working group in the report submitted by the Maine Developmental Disabilities Council to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Resolve 2007, chapter 62. The department shall seek input from interested stakeholders in the development of those recommendations.

Sec. B-2. Report and recommendations. By January 15, 2010, the department shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services regarding recommended changes for the Maine Revised Statutes pursuant to section 1.

Sec. B-3. Authority for legislation. After receipt and review of the recommendations submitted pursuant to section 2, the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services may submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature.'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment removes a section of the bill that changes terminology in the section of law related to licensing of private mental hospitals. It removes all of Part B in the bill, which proposes to change references in law related to "mental retardation" to respectful terminology. The amendment directs the Department of Health and Human Services to review the statutes and identify the sections that use the terms "mental retardation" and "mentally retarded" and report recommendations for changes to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. The amendment authorizes the committee to submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature based on these recommendations.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)