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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 38, L.D. 45, Bill, “An Act To Allow Marriage and Family Therapists To Serve as Mental Health Professionals in Public Schools”

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

**'An Act To Allow Marriage and Family Therapists To Provide Related Services in Public Schools'**

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

**'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §7007** is enacted to read:

**§7007. Related services**

Related services must be provided by qualified individuals employed or contracted by the school administrative unit in accordance with rules adopted by the department pursuant to section 7005.

**Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §7251-A**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 395, Pt. A, §74, is amended to read:

**§7251-A. Local special education services; related services**

A school administrative unit may offer or contract for special education services. A school administrative unit may also offer or contract for related services in accordance with rules adopted by the department pursuant to section 7005.

**Sec. 3. Rules amended; marriage and family therapists.** The Commissioner of Education shall amend its rules in Chapter 101: Maine Unified Special Education Regulation Birth to Age Twenty to clarify that a person licensed as a marriage and family therapist under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, chapter 119 is qualified to:

- 1. Serve as a qualified evaluator for children 3 to 20 years of age as described in Section IV, subsection 2, paragraph G of the rule;

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

