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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 73, L.D. 105, Bill, “An Act To Create a Centralized Authority To Combat Opiate Addiction in Maine”

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

'An Act To Create the Substance Use Disorders Cabinet'

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

'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA c. 441 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 441

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS CABINET

§19151. Substance Use Disorders Cabinet

1. Establishment. The Substance Use Disorders Cabinet, referred to in this chapter as "the cabinet," is established to promote interdepartmental collaboration on policy development and program implementation and to support the delivery of services for prevention, harm reduction and treatment of substance use disorders for citizens of the State that are planned, managed and delivered in an integrated manner.

2. Membership. The cabinet consists of the following members:

A. The Commissioner of Corrections or the commissioner's designee;

B. The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee;

C. The Commissioner of Health and Human Services or the commissioner's designee;

D. The Commissioner of Labor or the commissioner's designee;

E. The Commissioner of Public Safety or the commissioner's designee;

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1 F. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court or the Chief Justice's designee;
2 and

3 G. At the discretion of the Governor, a member of the public, appointed by the
4 Governor.

5 **3. Chair.** The Governor shall appoint one of the members to serve as chair of the
6 cabinet. The term of the chair is 2 years.

7 **§19152. Duties of the cabinet**

8 Within existing resources, the cabinet shall collaborate to create, manage and
9 promote coordinated policies, programs and service delivery systems that address
10 prevention, harm reduction and treatment of substance use disorders consistent with the
11 purposes of this chapter. To accomplish these purposes, the cabinet shall:

12 **1. Regional cabinets.** Appoint regional cabinets to ensure that the purposes of this
13 chapter are implemented at the regional and local levels;

14 **2. Subcommittees.** Appoint subcommittees, which may include members from any
15 public or private agency, advisory committee or any citizen, who has appropriate interest
16 and expertise, as may be necessary to carry out the work of the cabinet;

17 **3. Coordinate funding; collaboration.** Coordinate funding and budgets among the
18 departments represented in the cabinet related to services for prevention, harm reduction
19 and treatment of substance use disorders in order to carry out the purpose of this chapter,
20 collaborate to share funding resources and remove barriers between departments;

21 **4. Planning and policy development.** Conduct long-term planning and policy
22 development to create a more effective public and private service delivery system;

23 **5. Service delivery.** Coordinate the delivery of residential and community-based
24 services for prevention, harm reduction and treatment of substance use disorders among
25 the departments represented in the cabinet;

26 **6. Assessment of resources.** Assess resource capacity and resource allocation;

27 **7. Policy and program review.** Improve policies and programs through the review
28 of specific case examples; and

29 **8. Communication.** Broadly communicate the work of the cabinet to the
30 departments represented in the cabinet and to the public.

31 **§19153. Implementation and oversight**

32 Within existing resources, the cabinet shall initiate, implement and oversee programs,
33 policies and services consistent with the purposes of this chapter, which may include but
34 are not limited to:

35 **1. Community resources.** Supporting a collaborative effort between communities
36 and State Government in order to effectively address the problem of substance use
37 disorders facing the State's citizens by organizing and combining the resources of State
38 Government with resources and leadership at the community level;

1 designee. The cabinet is established to promote interdepartmental collaboration on
2 substance use disorders policy development, program implementation and service
3 delivery in an integrated manner. The duties of the cabinet include coordinating funding,
4 conducting long-term planning and policy development, coordinating service delivery,
5 assessing resource capacity, reviewing programs and policies and communicating the
6 work of the cabinet. The cabinet is authorized to solicit, receive and pool funds from the
7 Federal Government, subdivisions of the State or individuals, foundations or
8 corporations. The cabinet is required to submit an annual report to the joint standing
9 committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial
10 affairs, criminal justice and public safety matters, education and cultural affairs, health
11 and human services matters, judiciary matters, labor matters and state and local
12 government matters and to make the report available to the public. The cabinet is
13 required to carry out its duties within existing resources.

14 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

15 **(See attached)**