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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 195, L.D. 232, Bill, “An Act To Change the Process by Which Designated Nonstate Mental Health Institutions Petition the District Court To Admit Certain Patients to a Progressive Treatment Program”

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

'Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Review the Progressive Treatment Program and Processes by Which a Person May Be Involuntarily Admitted to a Psychiatric Hospital or Receive Court-ordered Community Treatment'

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

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the processes by which a person may be involuntarily admitted to a psychiatric hospital or receive court-ordered treatment in the community are inconsistent; and

Whereas, the inconsistency is preventing access to timely treatment for individuals in crisis, and a more streamlined process could reduce the consequences of delayed treatment or lack of treatment; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to convene stakeholder group to review the progressive treatment program and processes by which a person may be involuntarily admitted to a psychiatric hospital or receive court-ordered community treatment. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Health and Human Services shall convene a stakeholder group to accomplish the following:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 article 3. The commissioner is directed to submit a report with recommendations to the
2 joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human
3 services matters no later than December 1, 2020. The committee may report out
4 legislation to the First Regular Session of the 130th Legislature related to the
5 recommendations of the report.